THIS EPISODE CONTAINS DEPICTIONS OF VIOLENCE THAT MAY BE UPSETTING FOR SOME READERS.

SNEAK
SNEAK

F**K!
WHAT IS THIS?!
WHAT THE HELL
IS GOING ON?!

COSMOS

TIADENETR

Art by Sleepy-C | Adapted by UMI | Original Story by Singshong

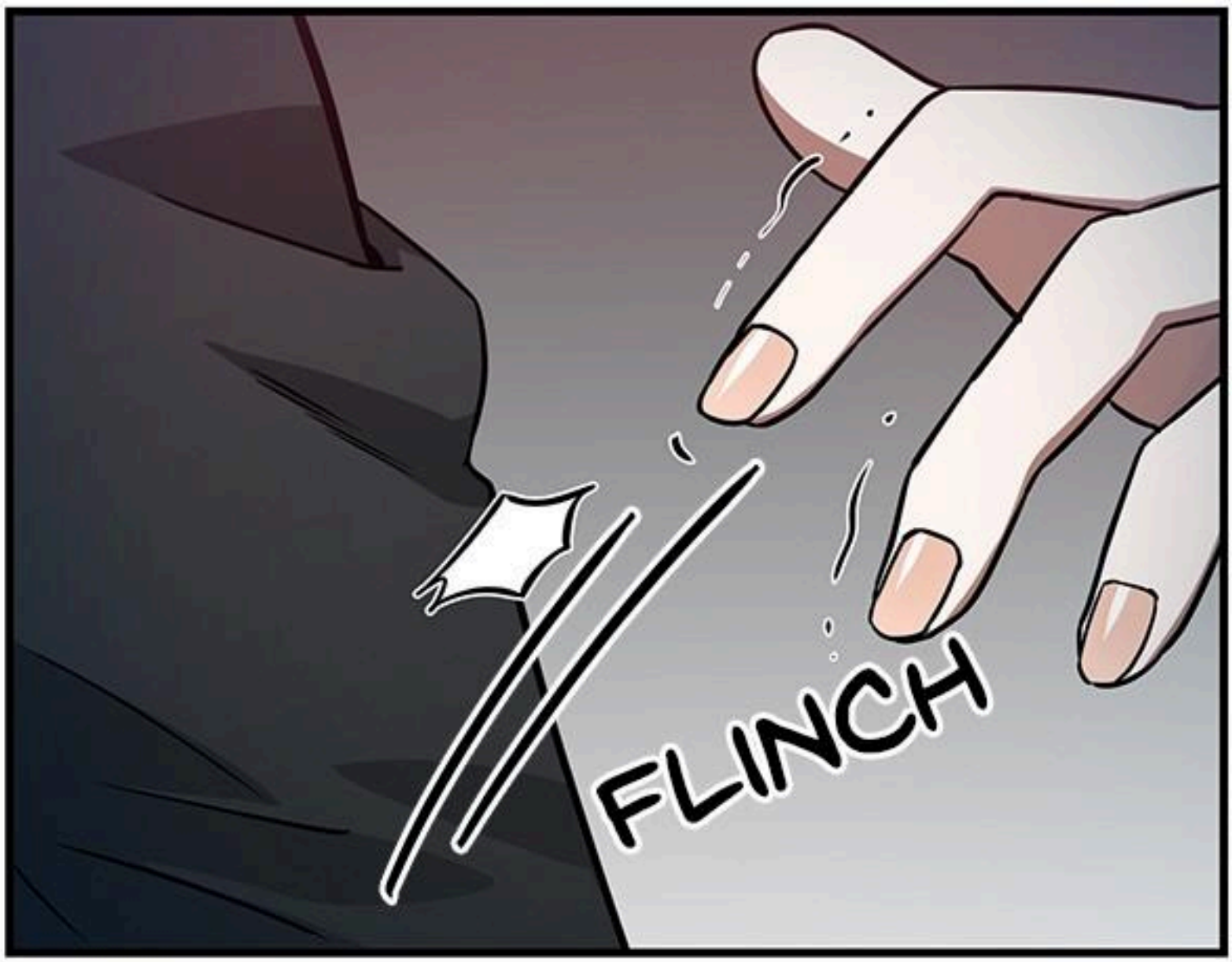
Episode 4

Chapter 1

Chapter 1

The Beginning of the Paywall

Part 3


FLINCH

TREMBLE

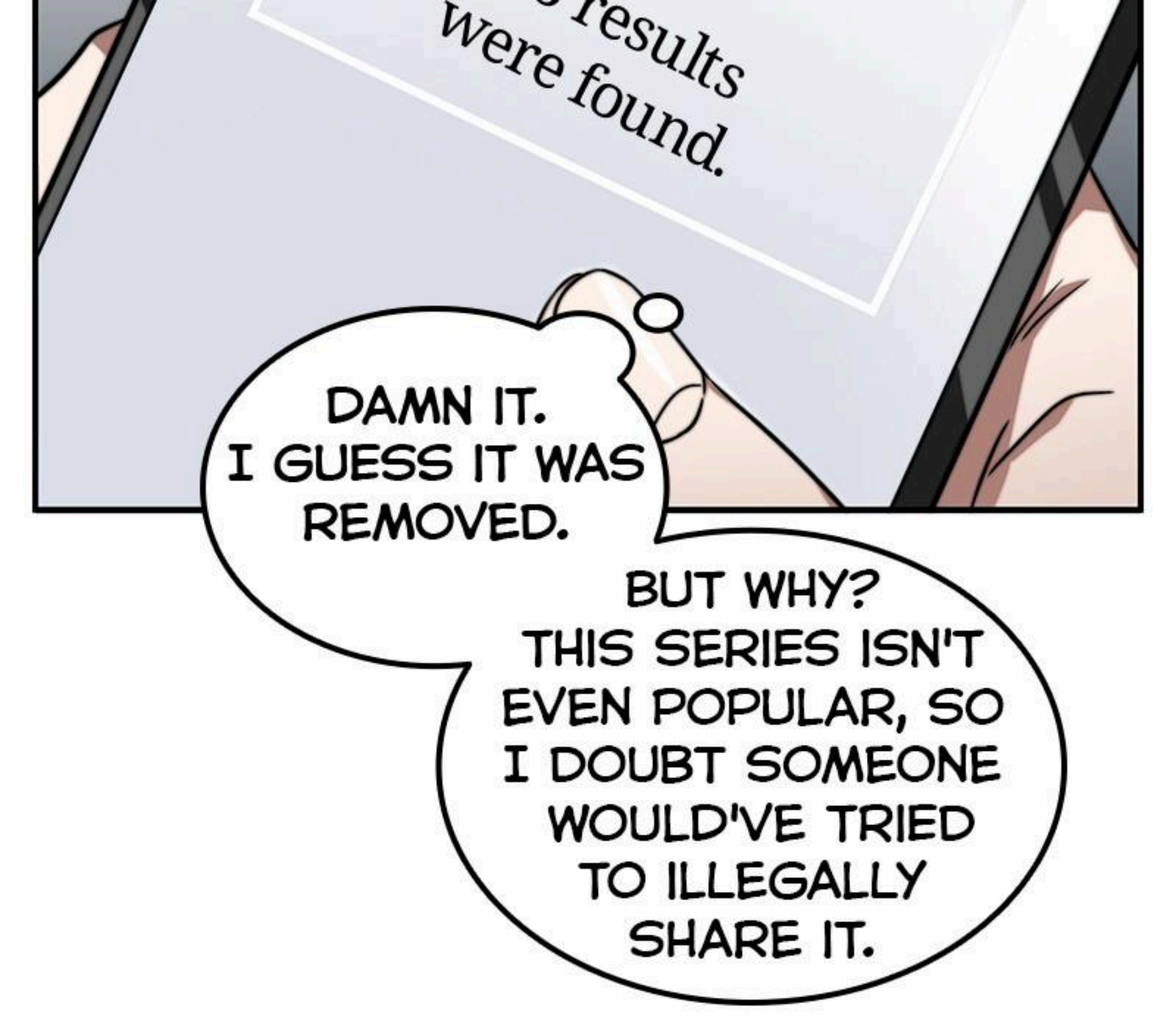
...
THAT'S STRANGE.

WHY HASN'T HE
APPEARED YET?

THE EVENTS I'M FAMILIAR WITH...
WHISH
...AND THOSE I DIDN'T KNOW WERE EVEN PART OF THE STORY WERE

THE STORY WERE ALL HAPPENING AT ONCE.

IF I COULD JUST READ *TWSA* AGAIN, I COULD KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT...


results were found.
DAMN IT. I GUESS IT WAS REMOVED.
BUT WHY? THIS SERIES ISN'T EVEN POPULAR, SO I DOUBT SOMEONE WOULD'VE TRIED TO ILLEGALLY SHARE IT.

WAIT
A MINUTE.

SWIPE
SWIPE

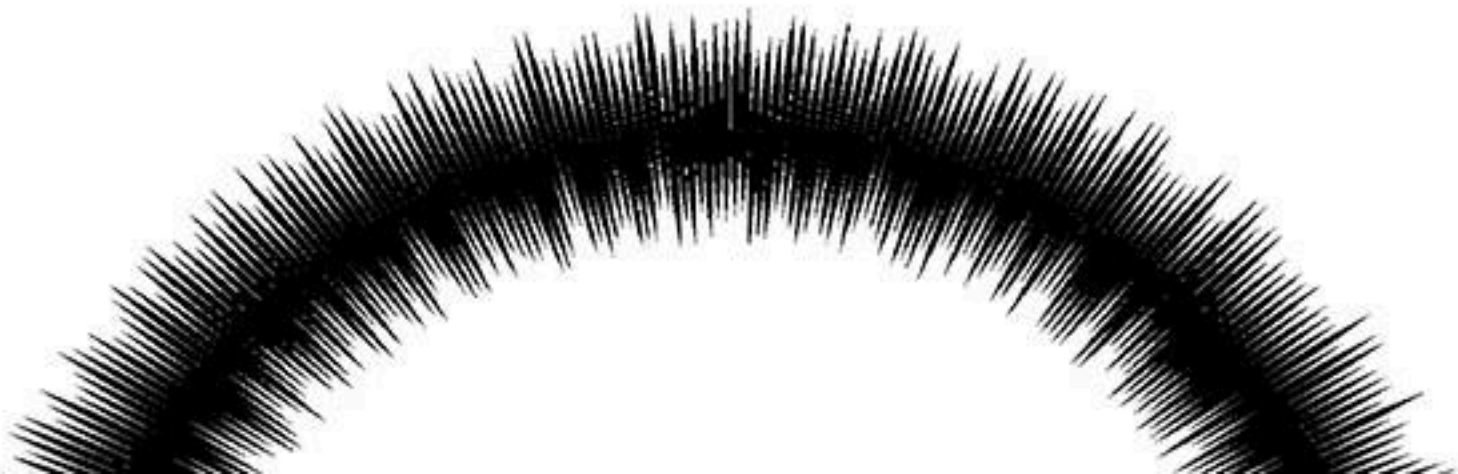
MR. DOKJA KIM,
STARTING AT 7 PM TODAY,
TWSA WILL BECOME PAID
ONTENT.
HIS WILL HELP YOU.
WISH YOU ALL THE BEST.
TAP
[1 ATTACHED FILE]
NO...
IT CAN'T BE...

[1 ATTACHED FILE] SAVE ALL
THREE WAYS TO SURVIVE THE APOCALYPSE.TXT

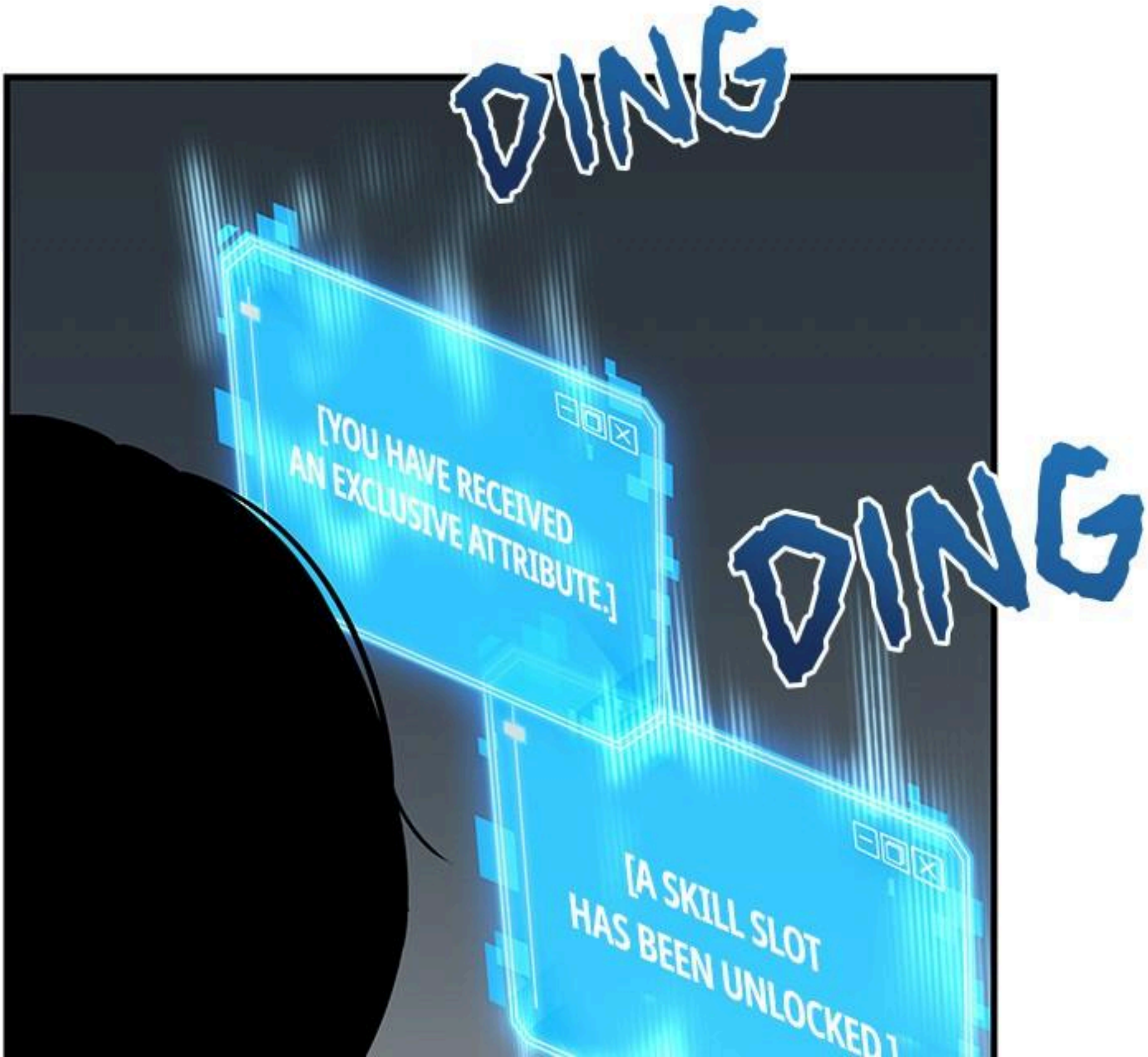
RUB
RUB

FILE] SAVE ALL

THE APOCALYPSE.TXT]



DID HE SEND ME HIS NOVEL AS A PRESENT?!
?!
ISN'T THIS ILLEGAL SHARING?
OR DOES IT NOT MATTER SINCE HE'S THE AUTHOR?


DING
[YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN EXCLUSIVE ATTRIBUTE.]
DING
[A SKILL SLOT HAS BEEN UNLOCKED.]

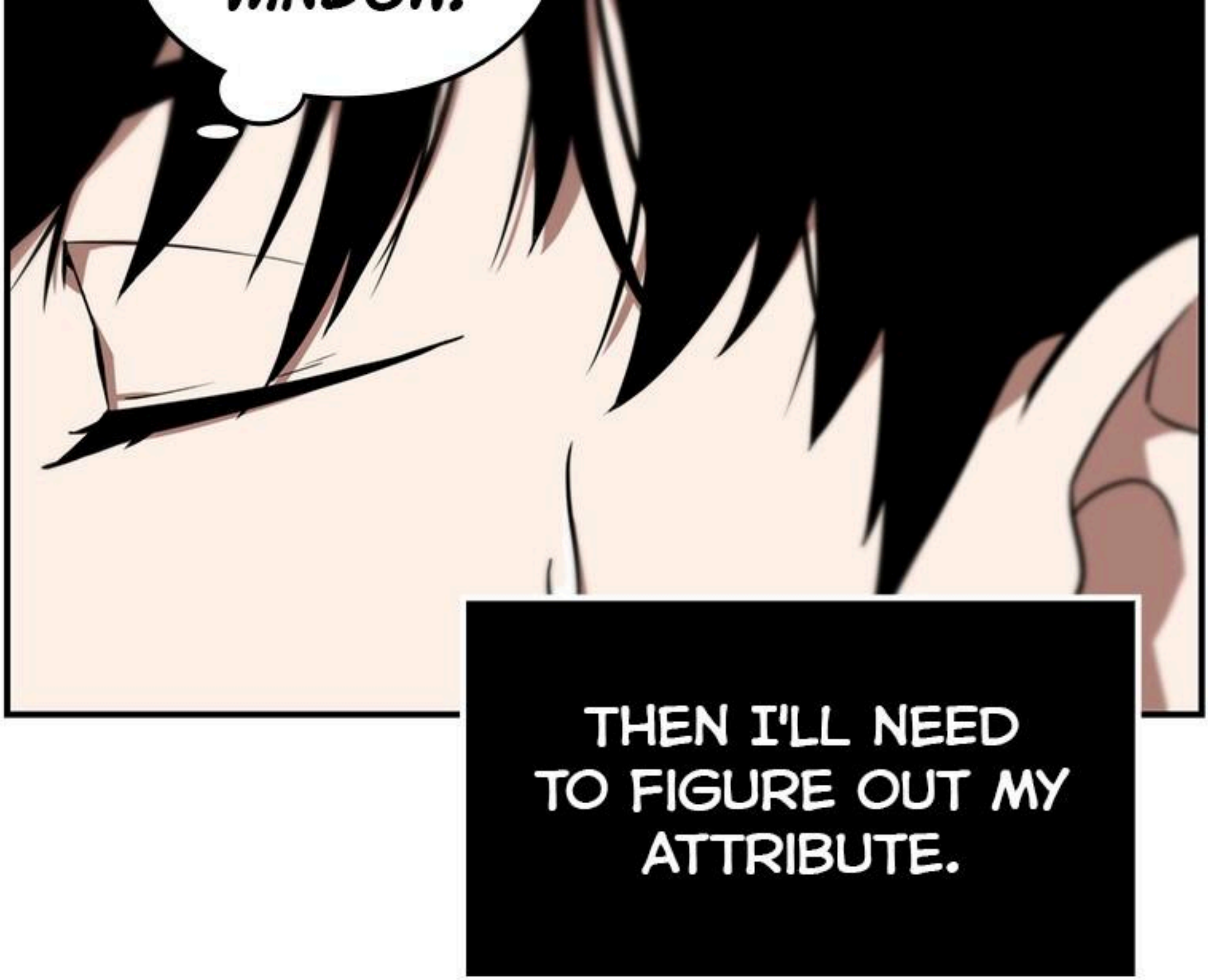
EACH OF THE *TWSA* SURVIVORS RECEIVE A SPECIAL ATTRIBUTE...

AND
A SKILL THAT IS LINKED TO THAT ATTRIBUTE.

IT'S JUST LIKE A GAME.

.....

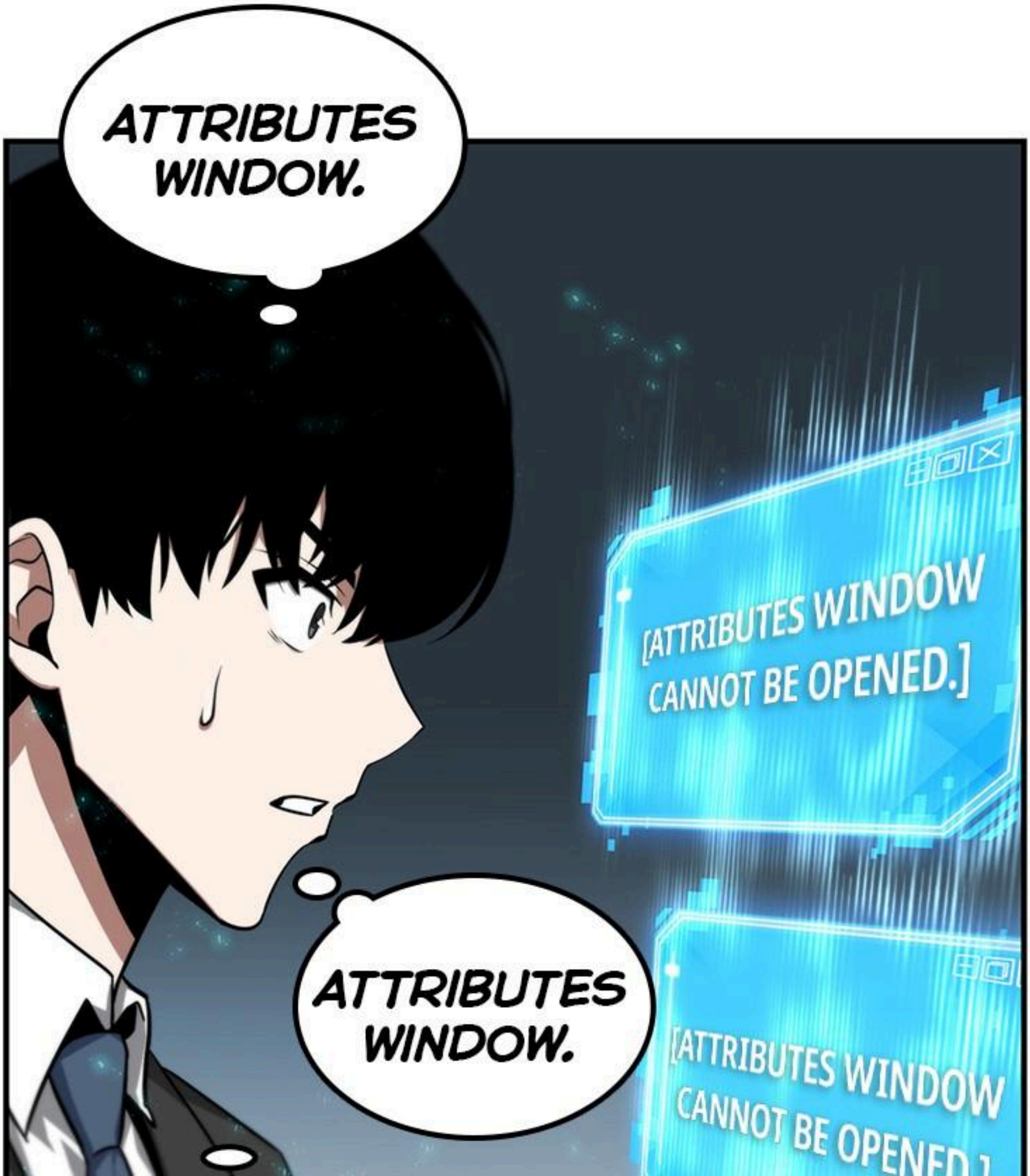
ATTRIBUTES WINDOW.


THEN I'LL NEED TO FIGURE OUT MY ATTRIBUTE.

?!
DING
[ATTRIBUTES WIND
CANNOT BE OPEN

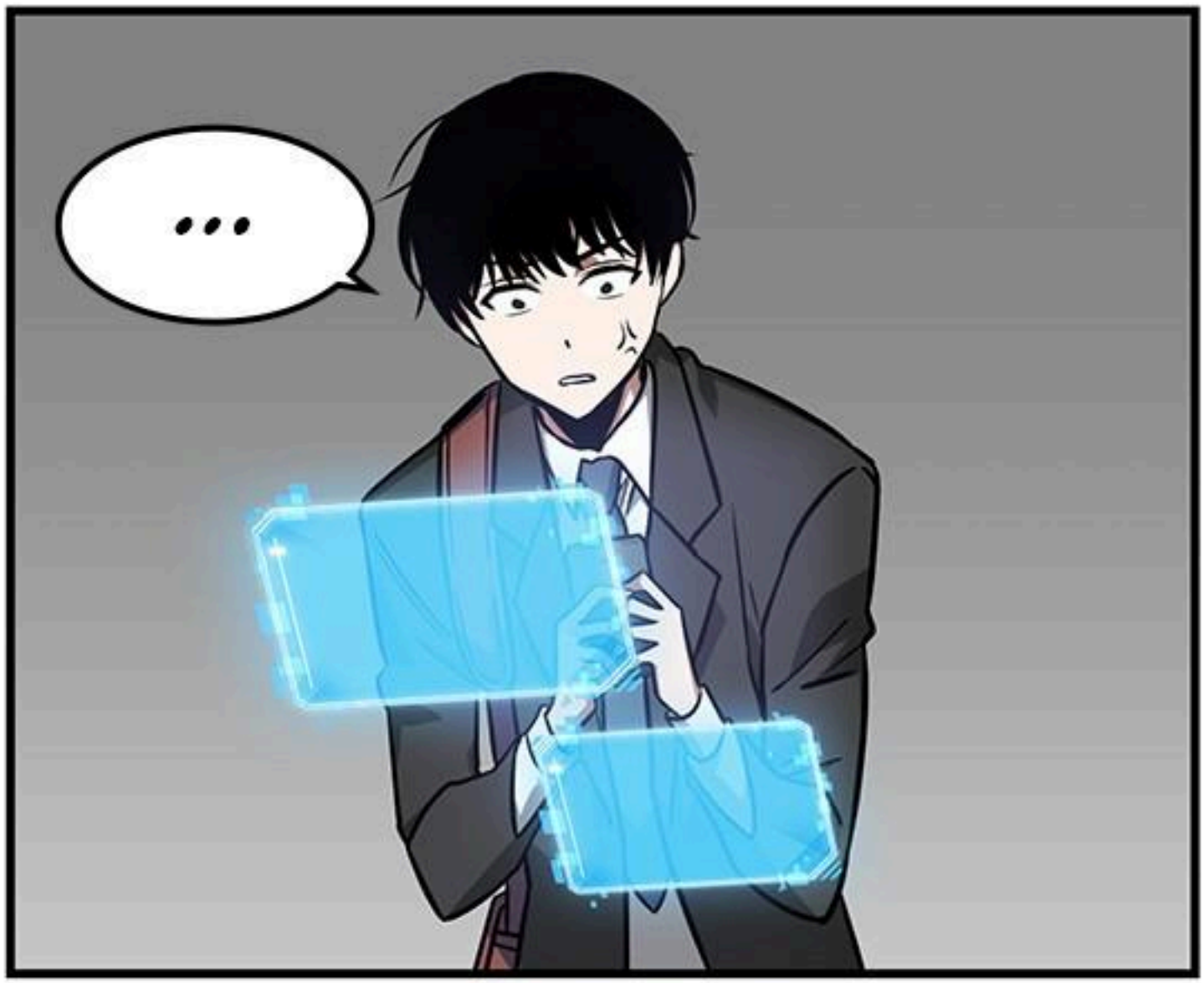
[ATTRIBUTES WINDOW CANNOT BE OPENED.]

WHAT?


ATTRIBUTES WINDOW.
[ATTRIBUTES WINDOW CANNOT BE OPENED.]
ATTRIBUTES WINDOW.
[ATTRIBUTES WINDOW CANNOT BE OPENED.]

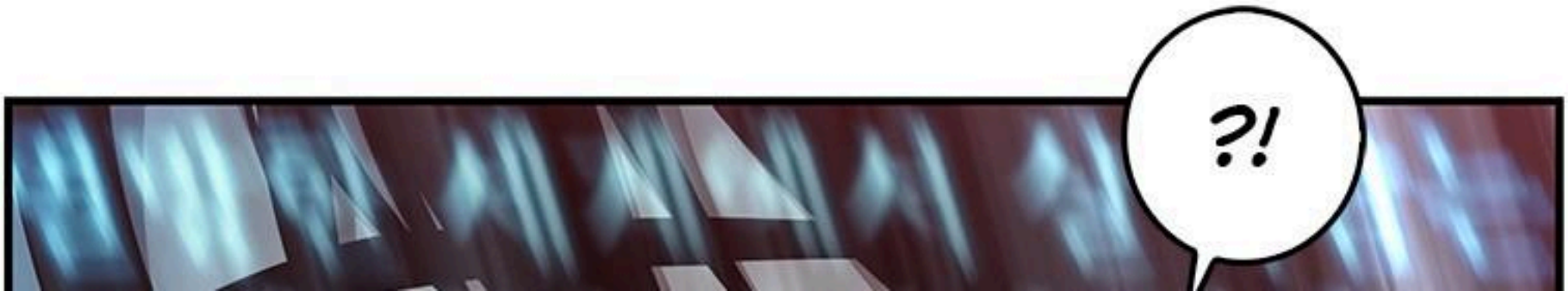
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

IF I CAN'T ACCESS MY ATTRIBUTE WINDOW, I WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT MY ATTRIBUTE AND SKILL ARE.



OH, WELL. I'LL JUST READ THE ATTACHED FILE FIRST.
DING

[YOUR ATTRIBUTE HAS BEEN ACTIVATED. YOU ARE NOW ABLE TO READ AT A FASTER SPEED.]



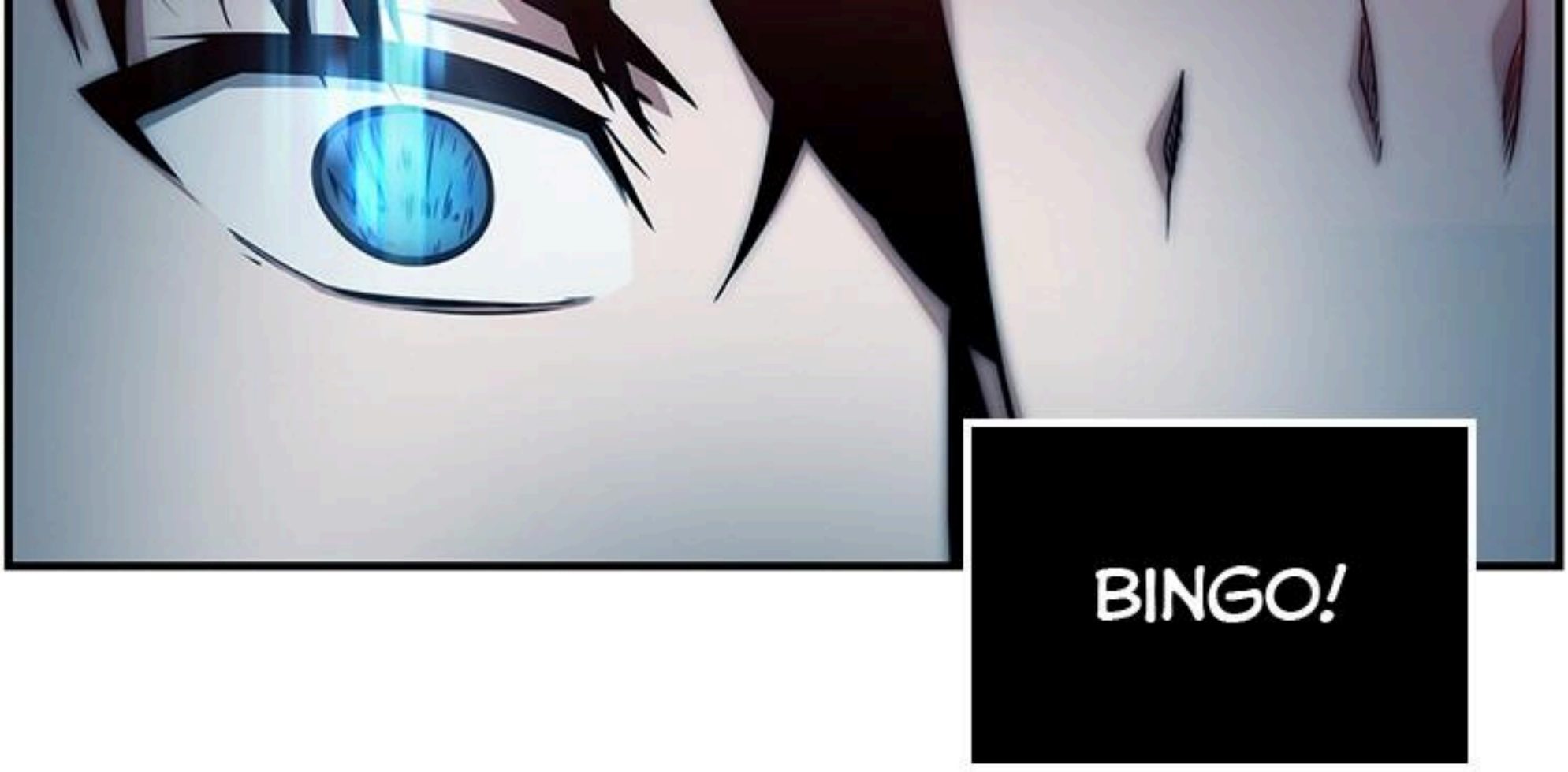
SLAM
SWAY

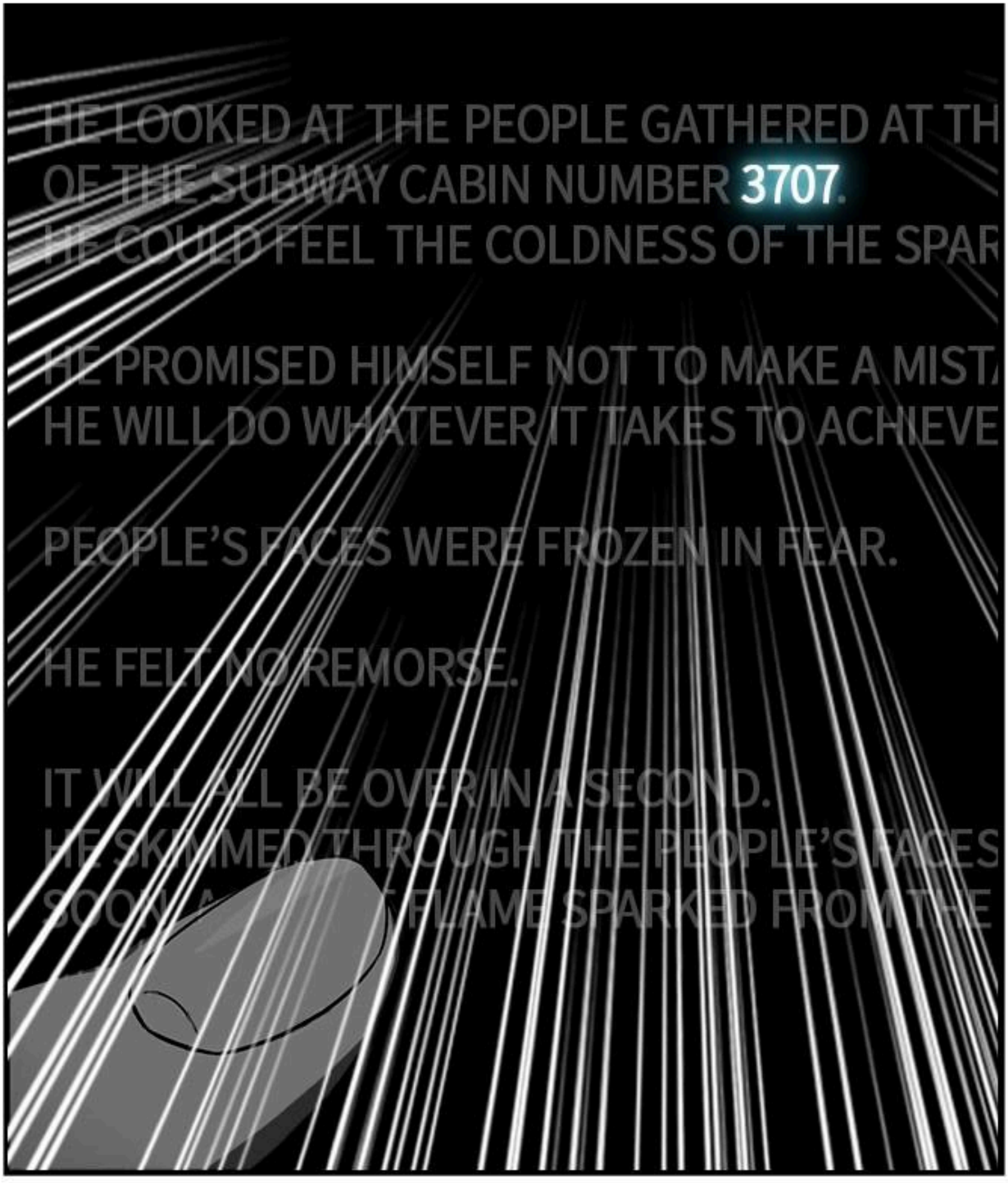
W-WHAT? *THAT* WAS MY ATTRIBUTE?

IT JUST TOOK ME LESS THAN A MINUTE TO READ THE OPENING CHAPTER OF *TWSA*...

BUT THANKS TO THAT...

WHISH...


BINGO!


HE LOOKED AT THE PEOPLE GATHERED AT TH
OF THE SUBWAY CABIN NUMBER 3707.
HE COULD FEEL THE COLDNESS OF THE SPAR
HE PROMISED HIMSELF NOT TO MAKE A MIST
HE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO ACHIEVE
PEOPLE'S FACES WERE FROZEN IN FEAR.
HE FELT NO REMORSE.
IT WILL ALL BE OVER IN A SECOND.
HE SKIMMED THROUGH THE PEOPLE'S FACES
SOON A FLAME SPARKED FROM THE

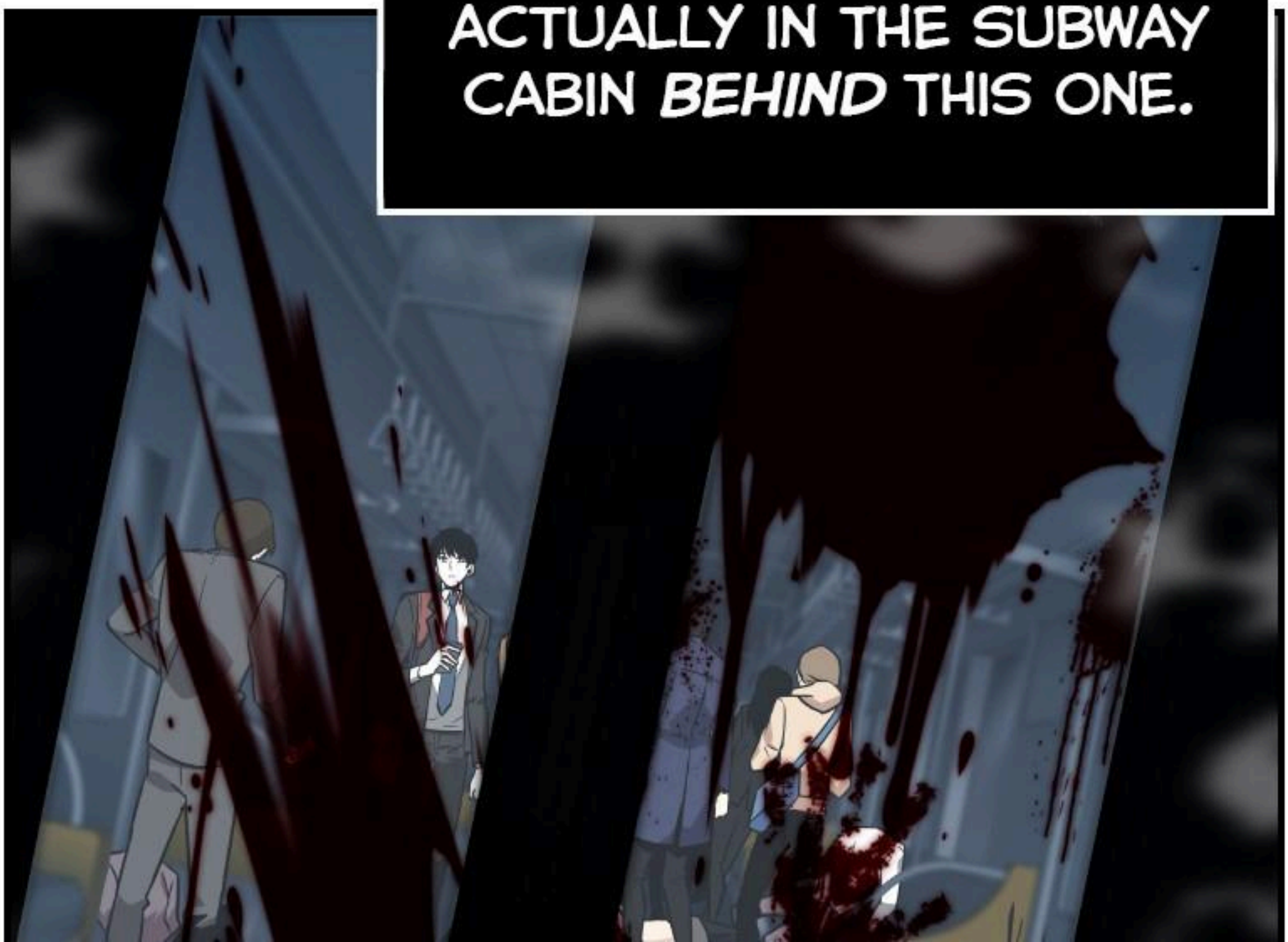
3807②

...IT WAS CABIN NUMBER 3707.
3807

WITH THAT,
I REALIZED WHY
I HAD FELT SO
UNEASY.

THE REASON THE EVENTS UNFOLDING AROUND ME WERE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I REMEMBERED...

WAS THAT THE PROTAGONIST OF *TWSA*'S PROLOGUE WAS ACTUALLY IN THE SUBWAY CABIN *BEHIND* THIS ONE.



WAIT. THEN...

...WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PEOPLE IN 3807 IN THE STORY?

DOKJA. SHOULDN'T WE TRY TO STOP THEM?

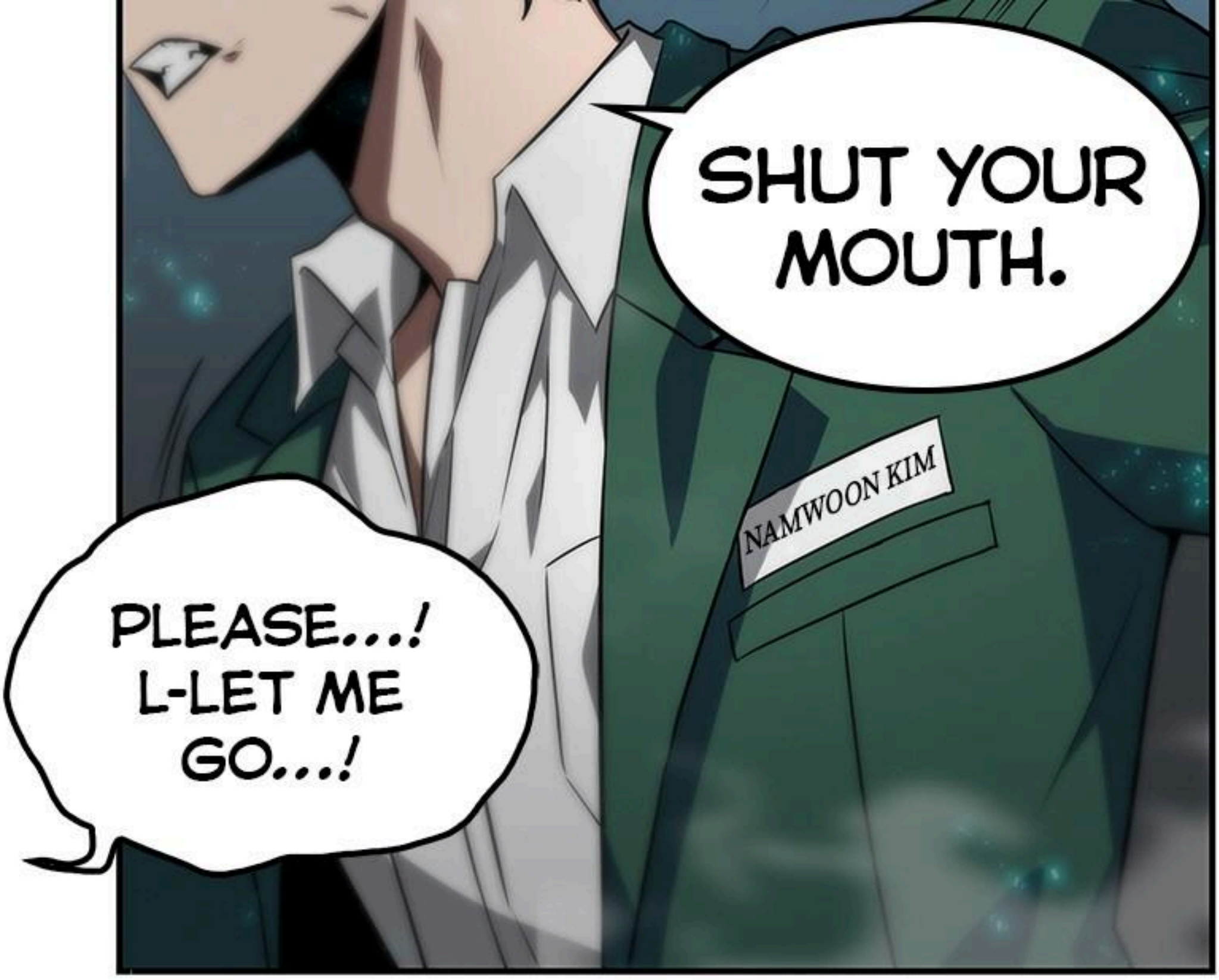
"HE TOOK A PEEK AT THE CHAOS AND CONFUSION THAT WAS UNFOLDING IN SUBWAY CABIN 3807."

"IT'S PROBABLY TOO LATE FOR THEM. AFTER ALL...

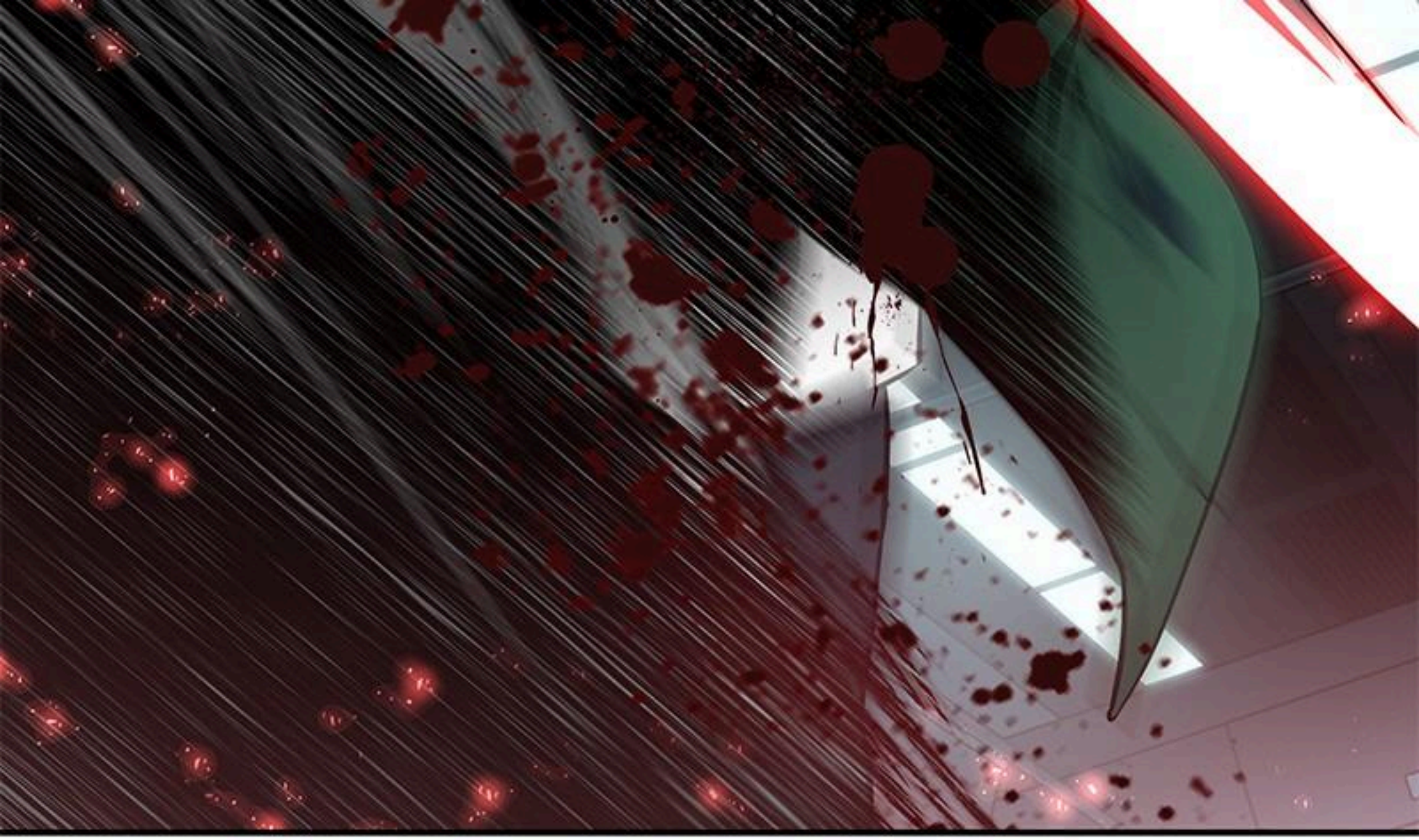
...ONLY *TWO* PEOPLE WILL SURVIVE IN THAT CABIN."

F**K.
WHERE THE HELL
DO YOU THINK
YOU'RE GOING?

UGH...!


SHUT YOUR MOUTH.
NAMWOON KIM
PLEASE...! L-LET ME GO...!

SMACK



I KNEW WHO THOSE
TWO PEOPLE WERE.

[redacted]

DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO SHUT UP?

SMACK

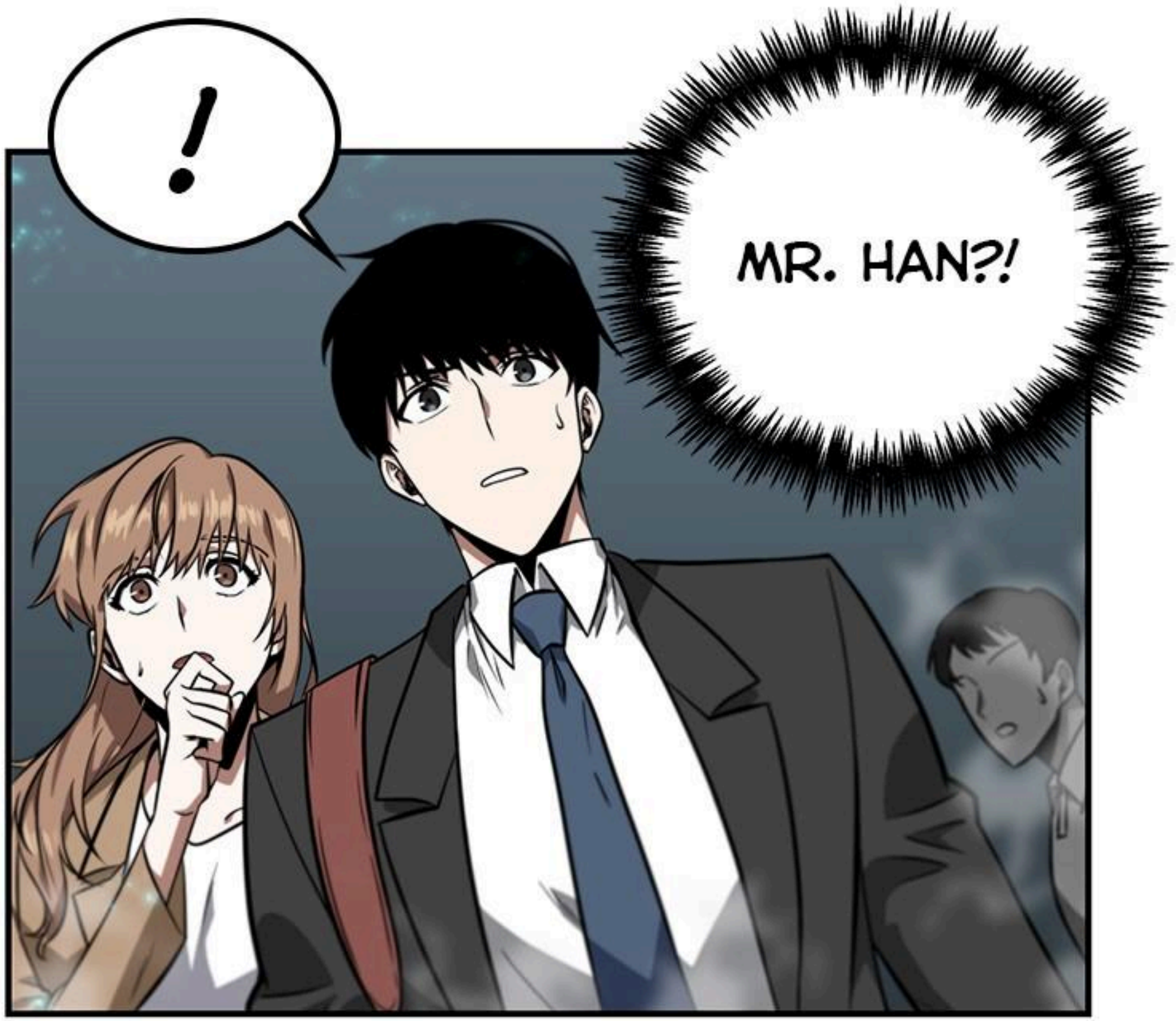
SMACK
EXCEPT FOR THOSE TWO...
EVERYONE IN THIS CABIN WILL DIE.
ONLY THOSE MATTERS TO ME.
NG LEE AND
MATTER.
WILL SURVIVE.

ONLY HYEONSEON
NAMWOON KIM
IT DOESN'T
WHAT M
ARE O
SMACK
INCLUDING ME.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

GKAP

YOU LITTLE BRAT. DIDN'T THEY TEACH YOU TO RESPECT YOUR ELDERS...?!


!
MR. HAN?!

HUH?

WHAT THE HELL, OLD MAN? DO YOU WANNA DIE TOO?
...WHAT?
YANK
CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU BRAT?!

OVER THERE.

DON'T YOU SEE THAT?

H-HELP ME. PLEASE!

AHHH!!
WHACK
BASH
DIE!
DIE!!

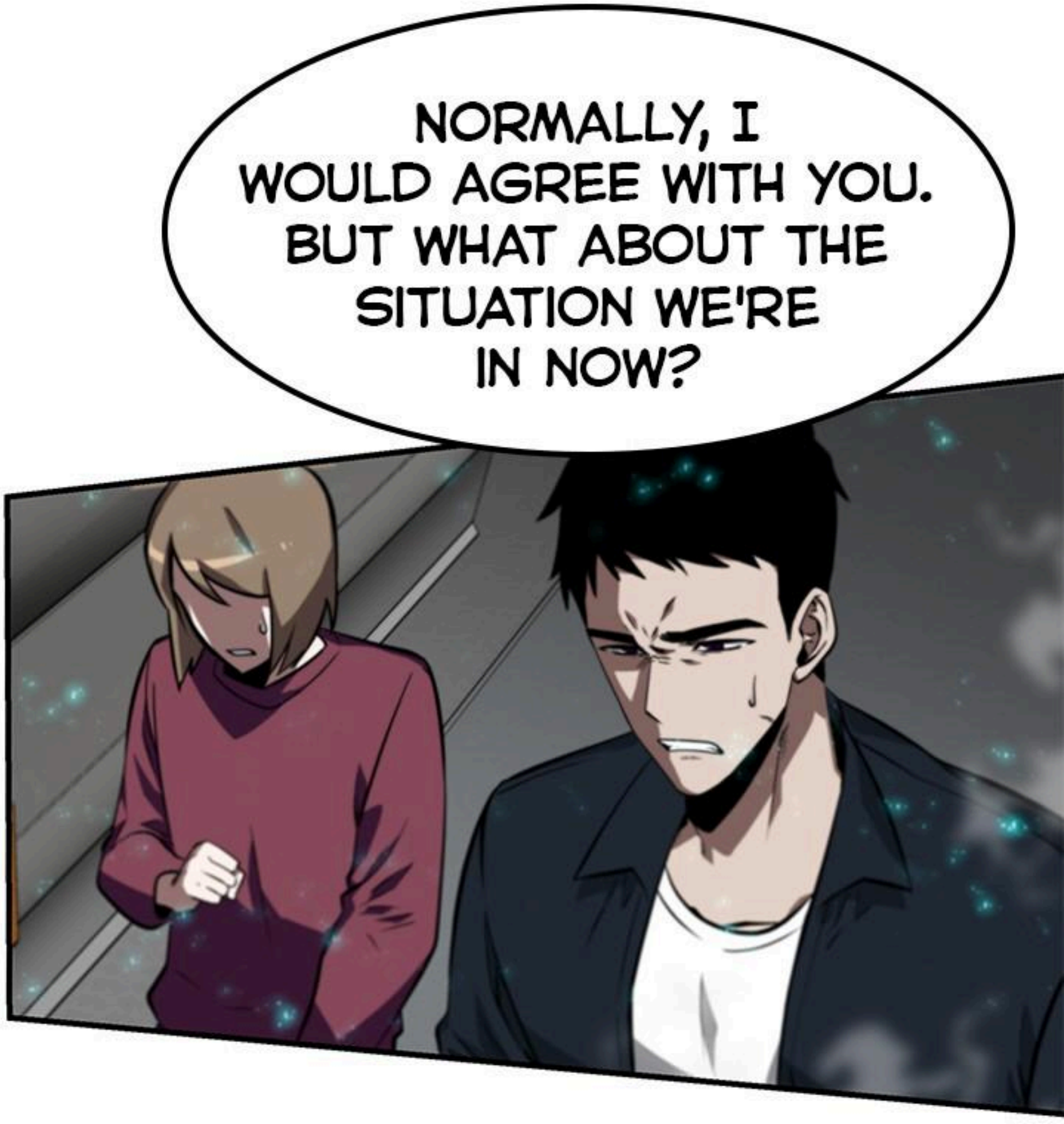
DON'T YOU GET IT? THE ARMY ISN'T GOING TO SAVE US.

AND SOMEONE HAS TO DIE.
P-PLEASE, SPARE ME!! I'VE BEEN GOOD ALL MY LIFE!
SHUT UP AND DIE!
CRACKLE
W-WHAT ARE

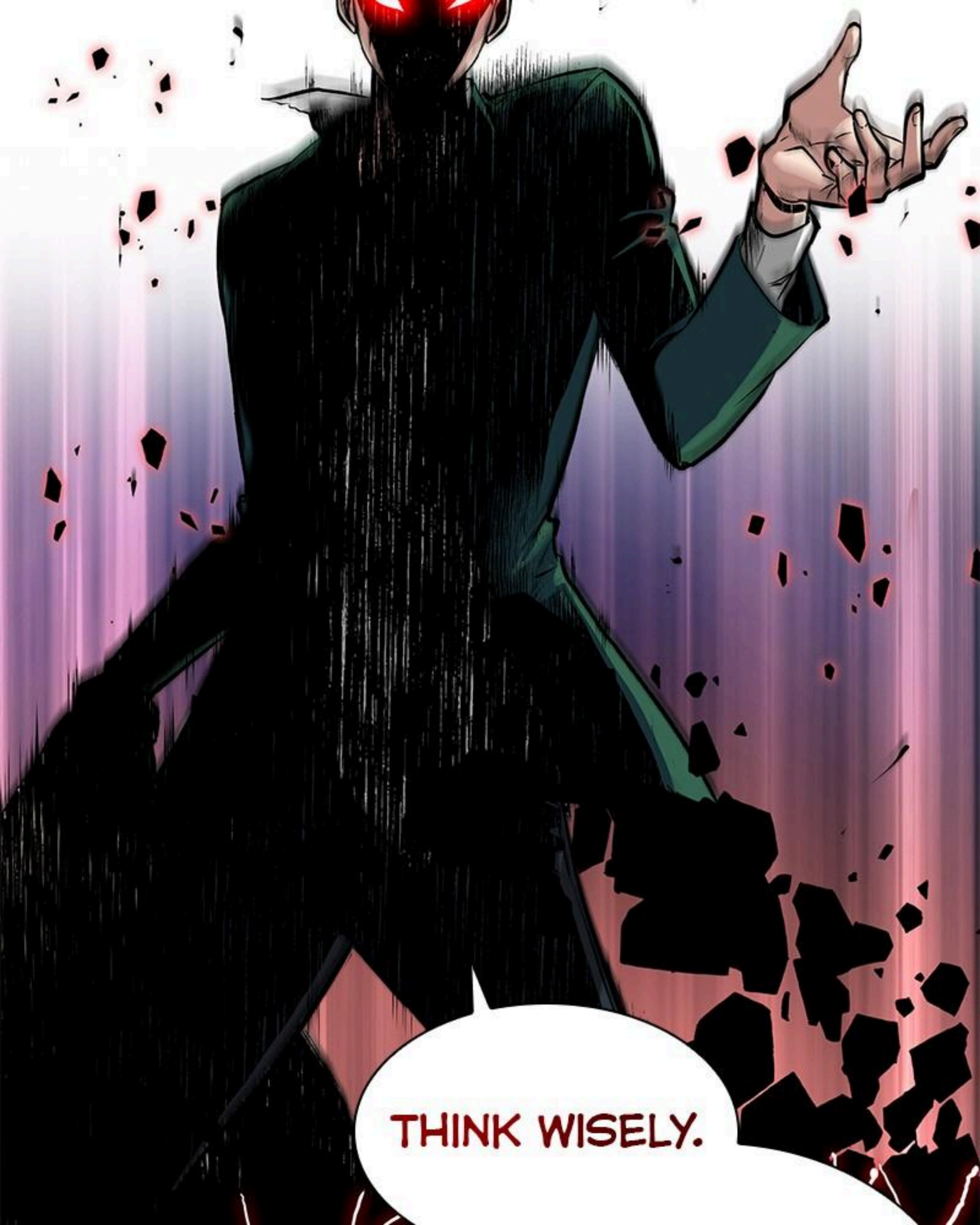
YOU-?

...HAVE TO PICK THE ONES WHO WILL DIE.

I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
FLINCH
YOU THINK WE'RE ABOVE ALL THAT. HOW CAN WE KILL OTHERS JUST TO SURVIVE LIKE WE'RE SOME KIND OF ANIMALS?


NORMALLY, I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE SITUATION WE'RE IN NOW?

WE HAVE NO CHOICE. IT'S KILL OR BE KILLED. WHO CAN BLAME US WHEN OUR OWN LIVES ARE ON THE LINE?


THINK WISELY.

THE WORLD YOU KNEW JUST ENDED.

AND IN THIS NEW WORLD...

...WE HAVE NEW RULES TO FOLLOW.

NAMWOON KIM.

HE WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST ADOPTERS TO ACCEPT THE WORLD OF *TWSA*.

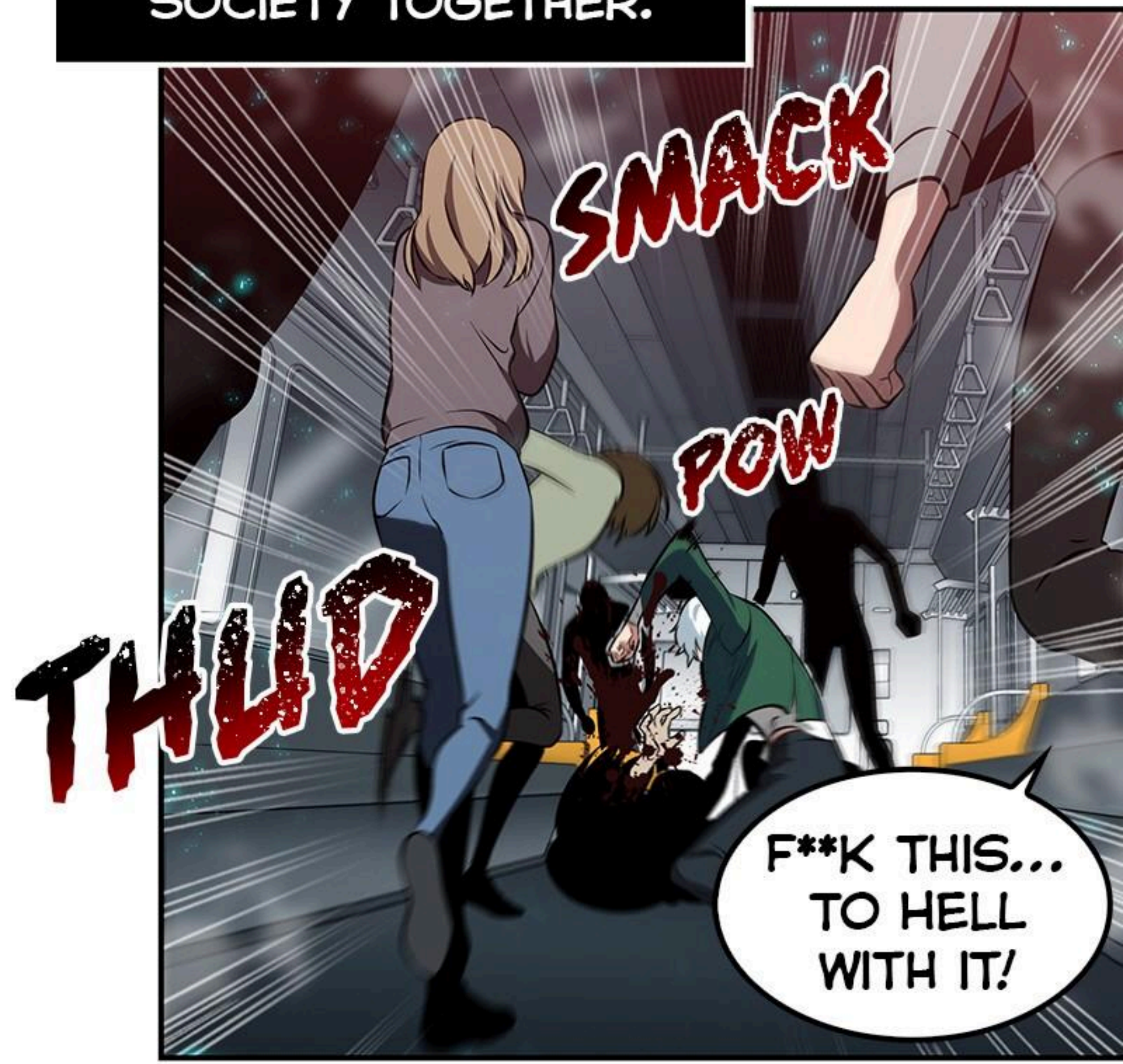
THUD

IT WAS
NAMWOON KIM
WHO DROVE A WEDGE

INTO THE CRACK...

ARE YOU ALL JUST GONNA SIT AND WATCH? DO YOU ALL WANNA DIE?

...AND DESTROYED THE SENSE OF MORALITY THAT HAD BEEN BINDING SOCIETY TOGETHER.



CRINGE
WHACK
WHACK

POW

IF NO ONE DIES WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES, EVERYONE IN HERE WILL DIE.

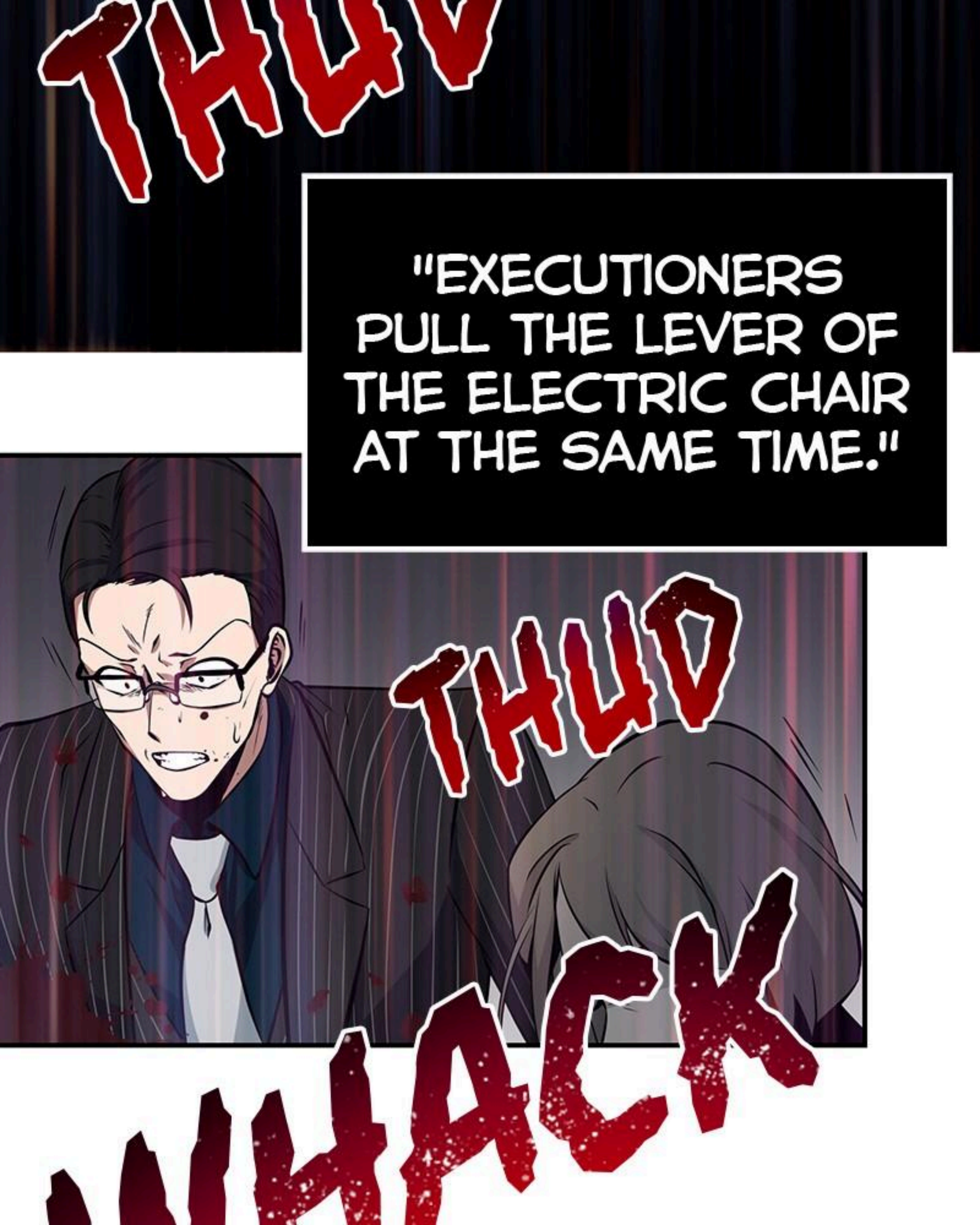
THUD

WHACK

SMACK

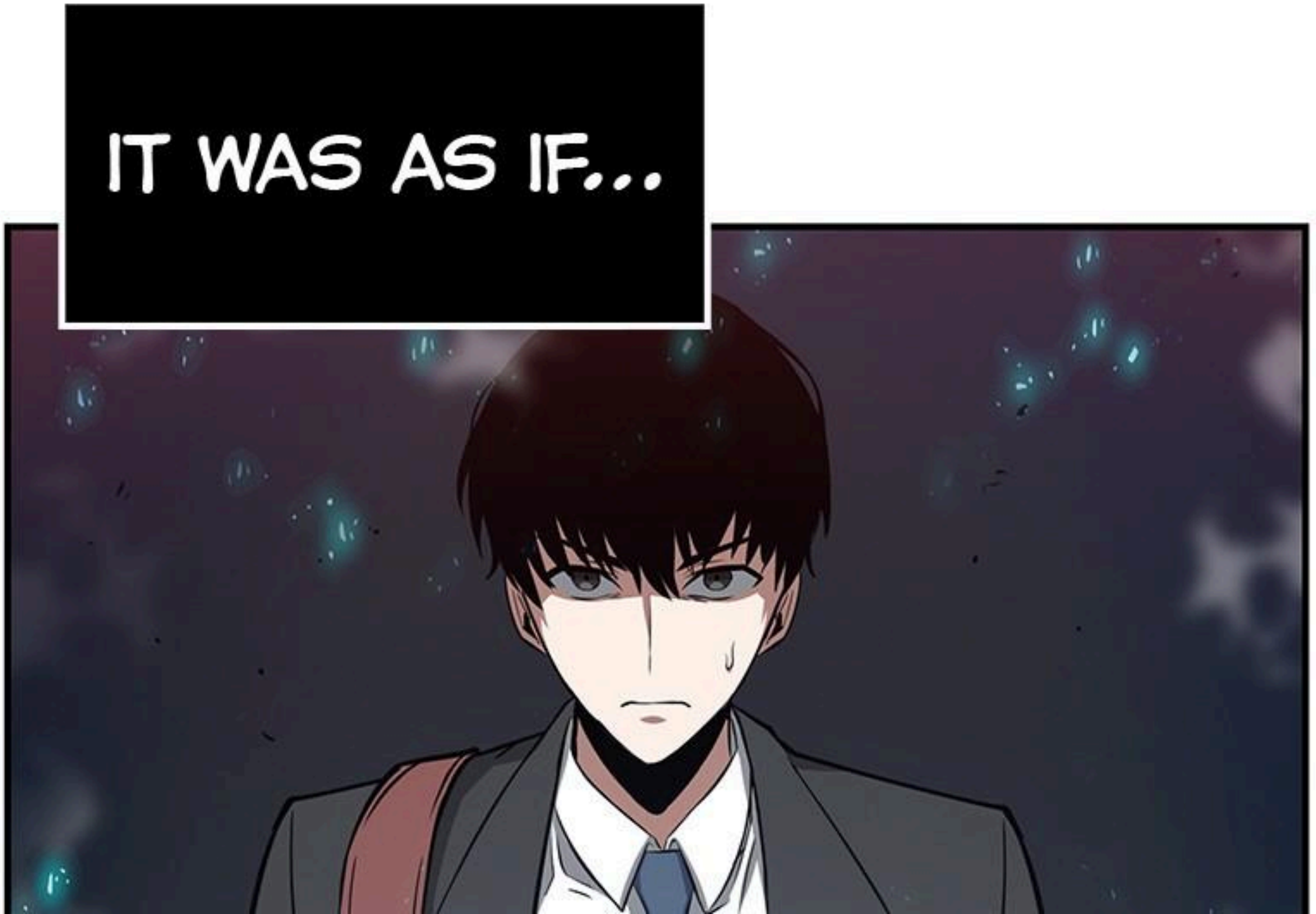
I SUDDENLY RECALLED A LINE I HAD READ A LONG TIME AGO.

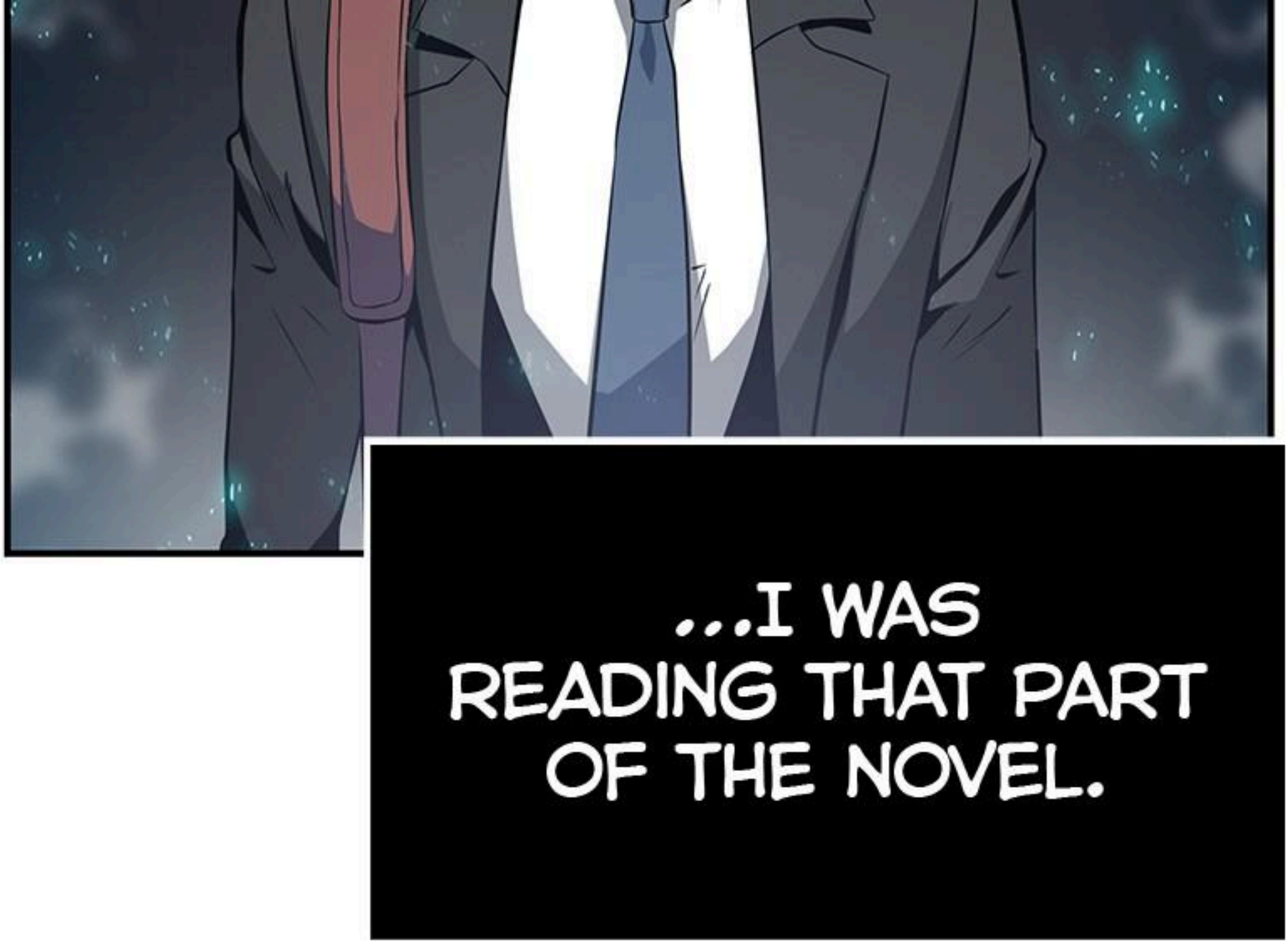
WHACK

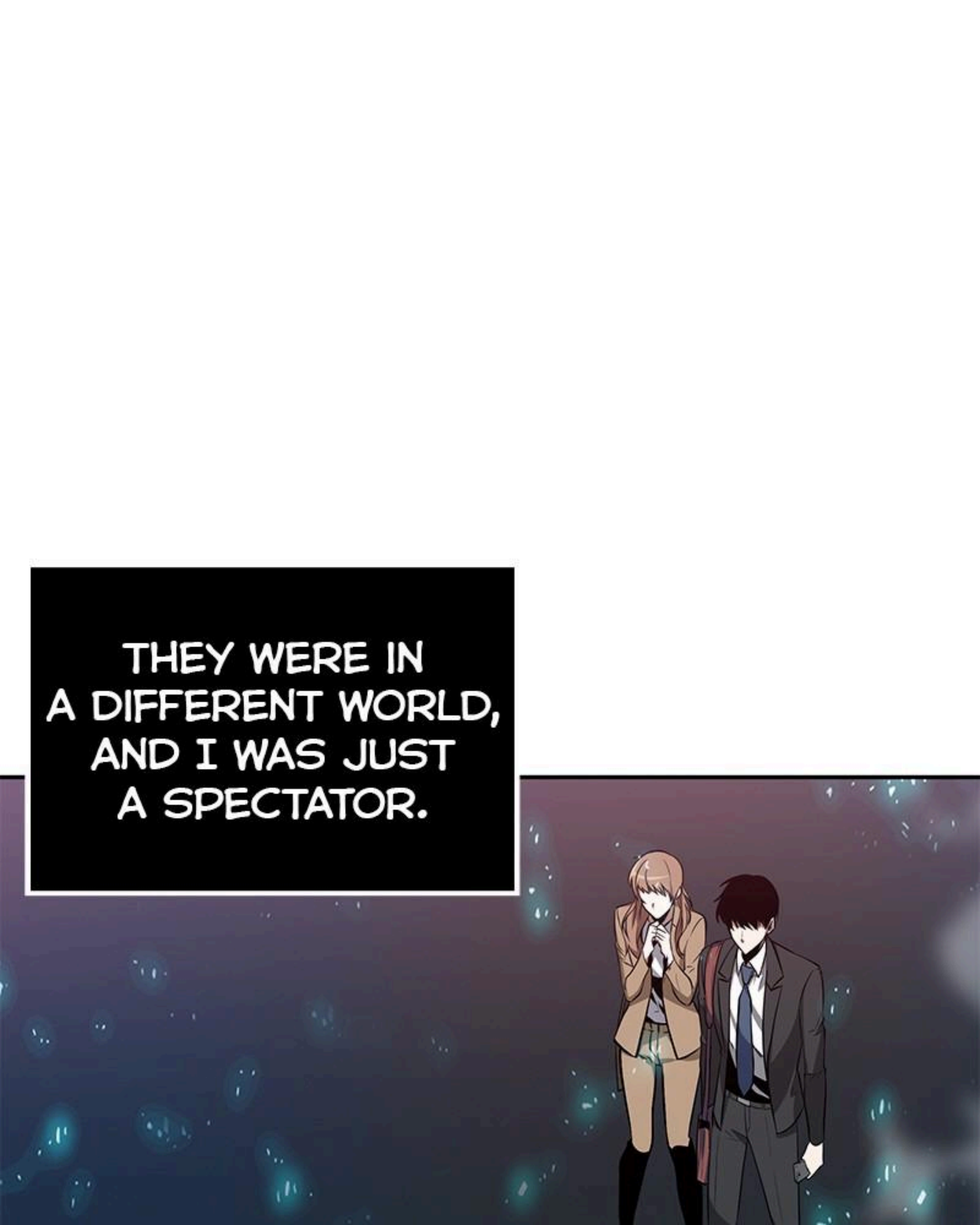

THUV
"EXECUTIONERS PULL THE LEVER OF THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AT THE SAME TIME."
THUD
WHACK

"THEY DO SO IN ORDER TO CONCEAL WHO REALLY KILLED THE PRISONER."

...


IT WAS AS IF...


...I WAS READING THAT PART OF THE NOVEL.


THEY WERE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD, AND I WAS JUST A SPECTATOR.

ALL I COULD DO WAS JUST STAND BY AND WATCH.
THAT NAMELESS ELDERLY WOMAN BECAME THE FIRST VICTIM.

IF I CARELESSLY MEDDLE WITH THE COURSE OF THE STORY, THERE MAY BE LESS OF THE ORIGINAL PLOT LEFT FOR ME TO WORK WITH.

BUT IS IT FAIR TO STAND BY AND

WATCH HER DIE...

EEZZE

THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HER!

DASH

DON'T BE SO RECKLESS. IT'S DANGEROUS!
I KNOW, BUT...

IF YOU GO, THEY'LL KILL YOU TOO.

SANGA...

I GUESS
SOME PEOPLE WERE
JUST DESTINED
TO SHINE...

...REGARDLESS OF THE GENRE THEY ARE IN.

BUT SANGA CANNOT CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE STORY...

...BECAUSE SHE ISN'T THE *HEROINE* IN THIS WORLD.

SANGA, STAY HERE.
WHAT? BUT...

PLEASE. JUST DO AS I TELL YOU FOR NOW.
IF YOU LISTEN TO ME THIS ONCE, I PROMISE I WON'T EVER BOTHER YOU AGAIN.

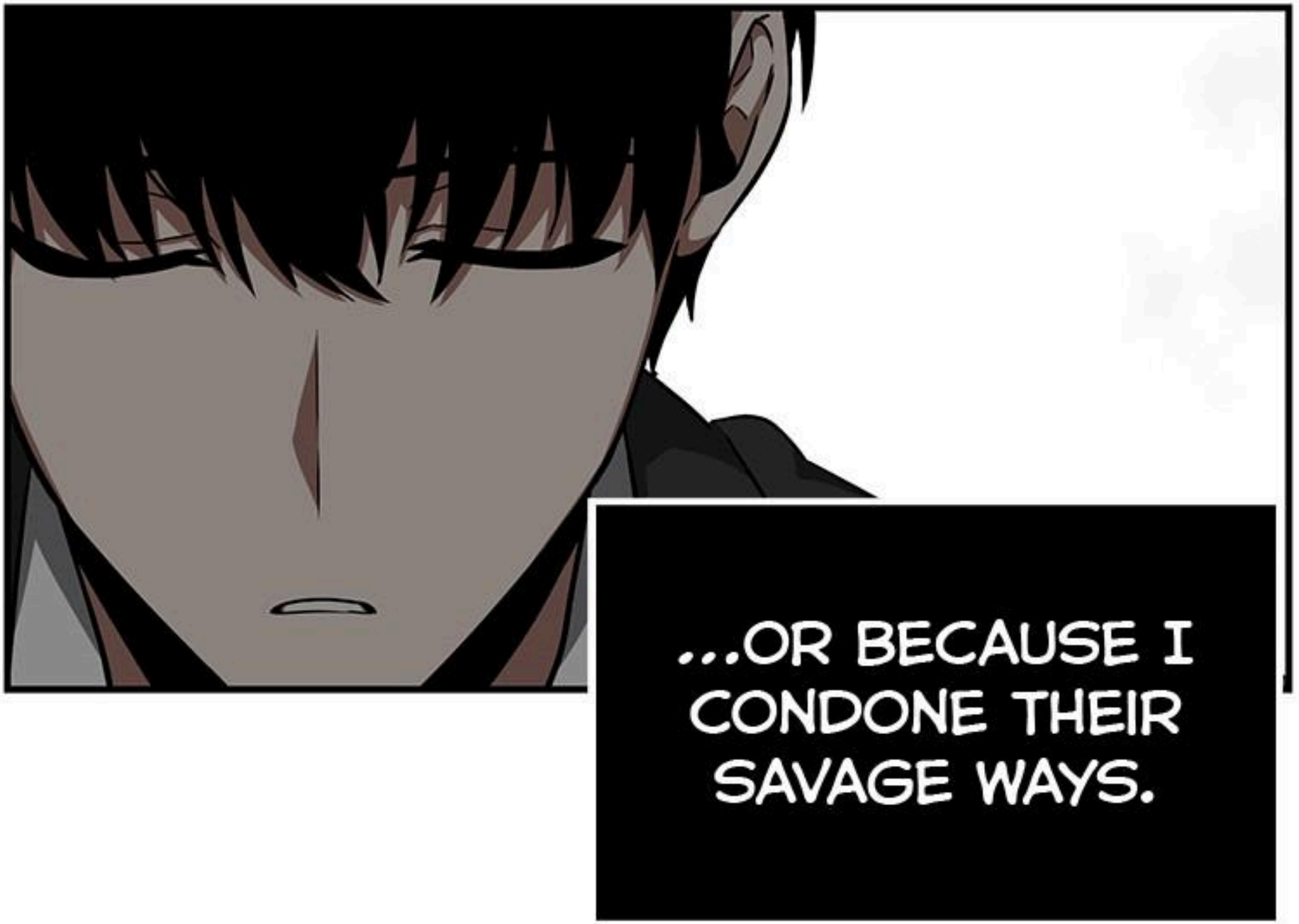
ㅋㅋㅋㅋㅋㅋ...

IT'S

TOO EARLY FOR ME TO INTERFERE.
EXHALE...
THIS WASN'T PART OF MY PLAN.

...DOKJA?

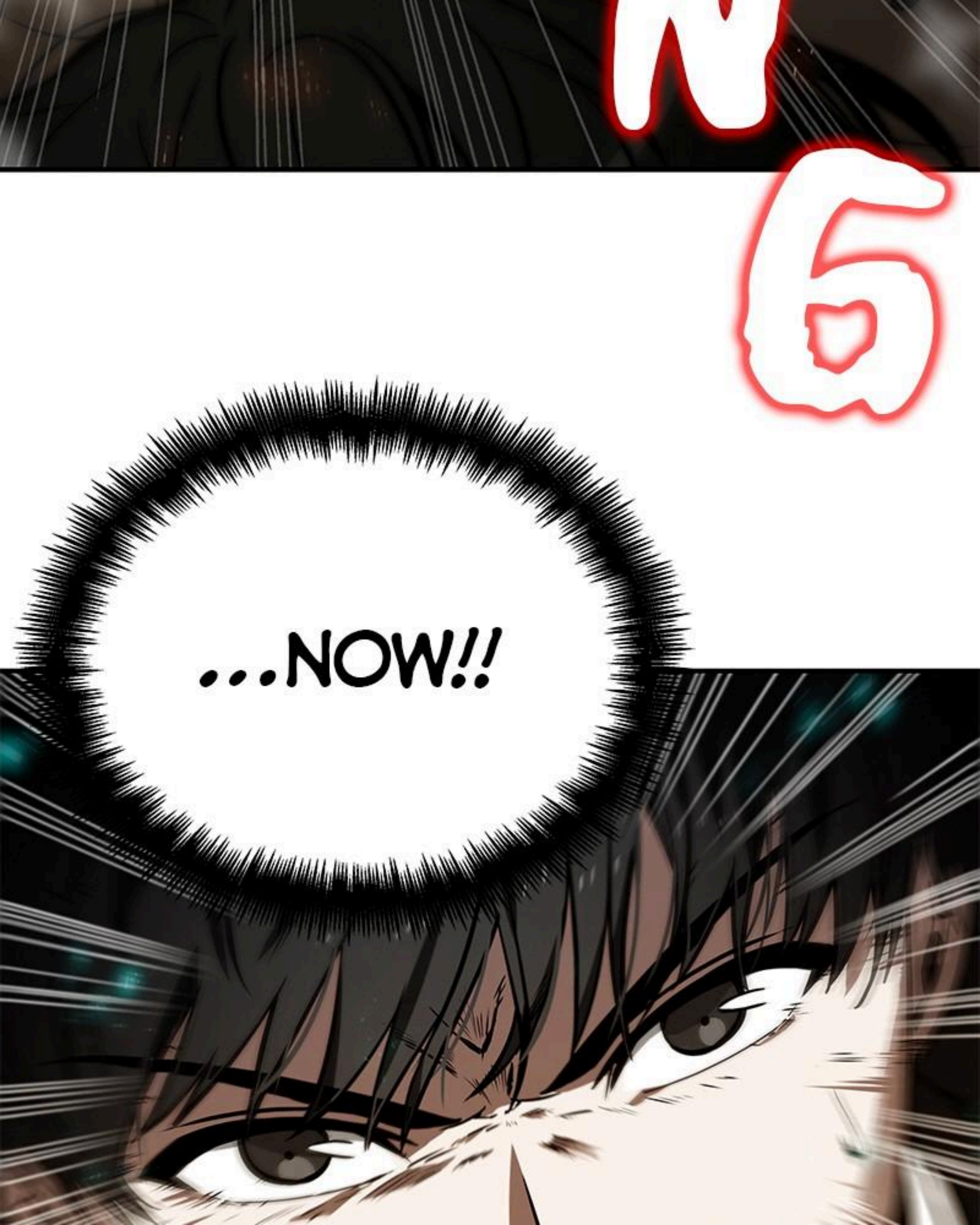
THE REASON
I DIDN'T INTERFERE
SOONER WASN'T BECAUSE
I WAS AFRAID OF NAMWOON
OR THE OTHERS...

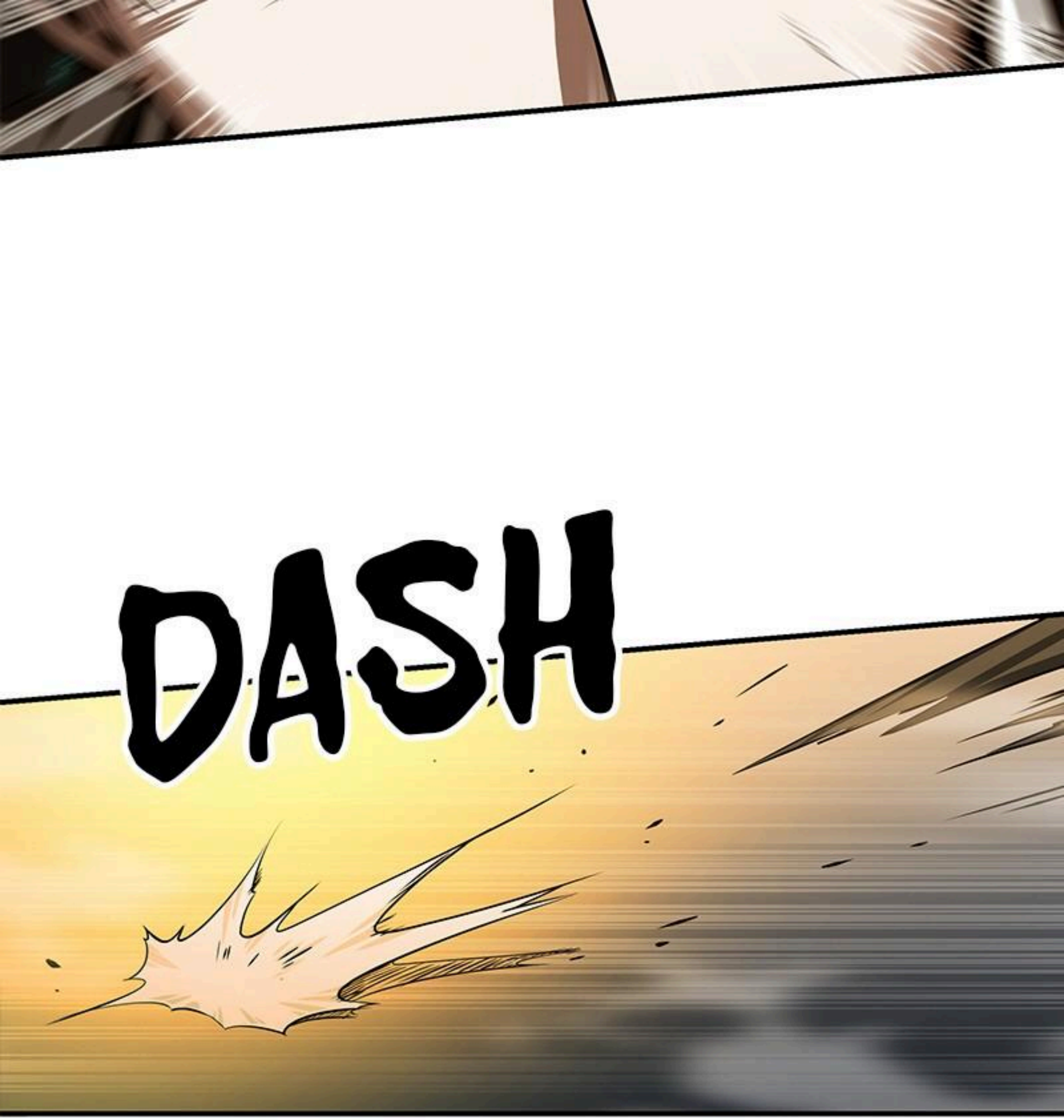

...OR BECAUSE I CONDONE THEIR SAVAGE WAYS.

I WAS JUST WAITING...
FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT.
THUD
THUD

AND THAT MOMENT IS...

BAAA
AA


N
6
...NOW!!


DASH

MAIN SCENARIO #1

[PROVE YOUR VALUE]

KILL ONE OR MORE
LIVING ORGANISMS

LIVING ORGANISMS.

CATEGORY: MAIN

DIFFICULTY: F

TIME LIMIT: 30 MINUTES ▶ 10 MINUTES

REWARD: 300 COINS

PENALTY FOR FAILURE: DEATH

TIME REMAINING:

7 MINUTES

32 SECONDS

Produced/Edited by Redice Studio
Published by L7

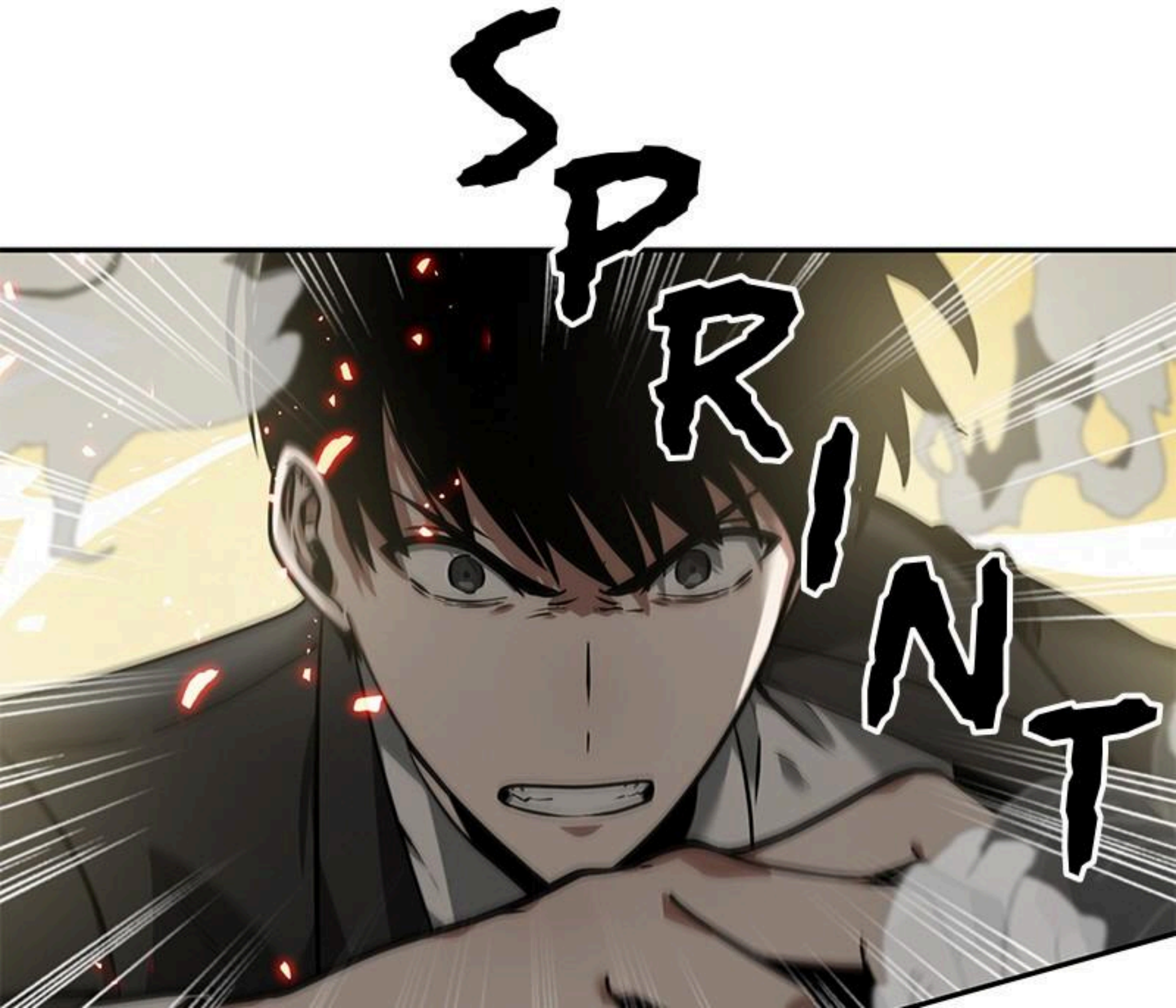
THIS EPISODE CONTAINS DEPICTIONS OF VIOLENCE THAT MAY BE UPSETTING FOR SOME READERS.

ANG

DASH

SMOKE...?

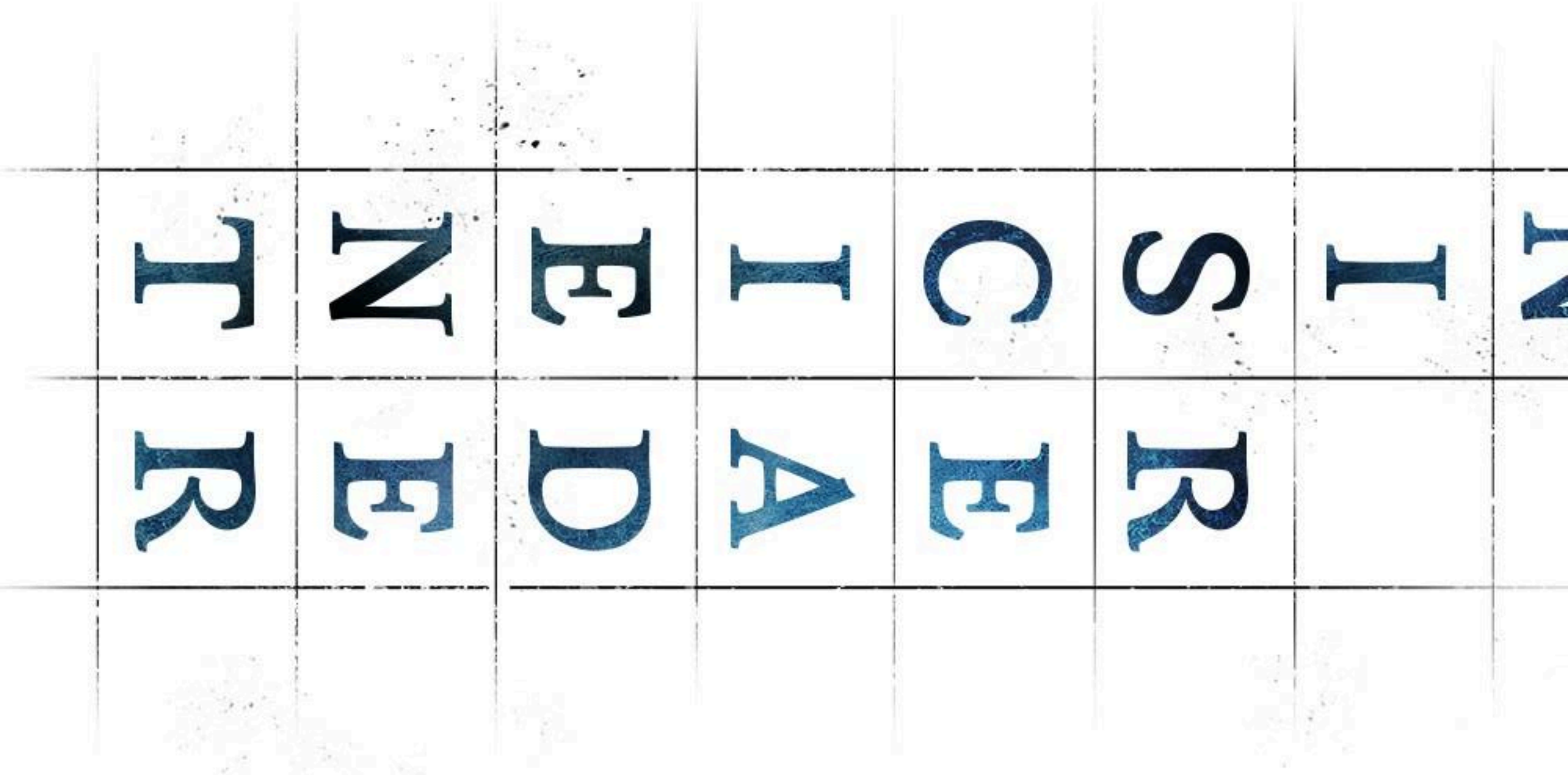
WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?


SPRINT

パパパ

CRAA
AGH!!! WHAT THE HELL...!

OMN



Art by Sleepy-C | Adapted by UMI | Original Story by Singshong

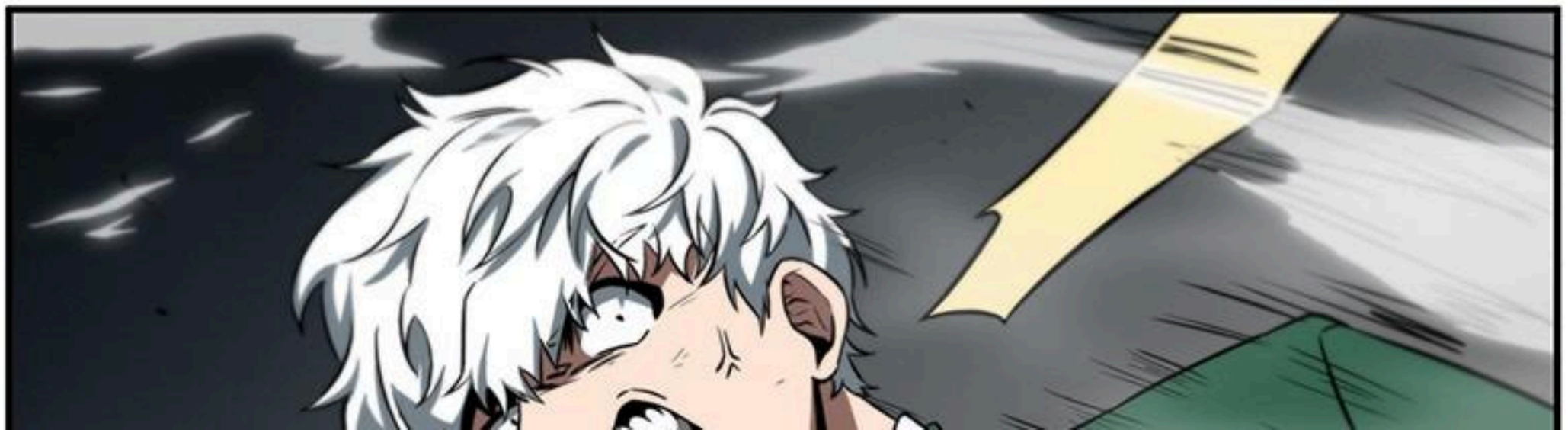
Episode 5

Chapter 1

The Beginning of the Paywall

Part 4

HISS



F**K! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!

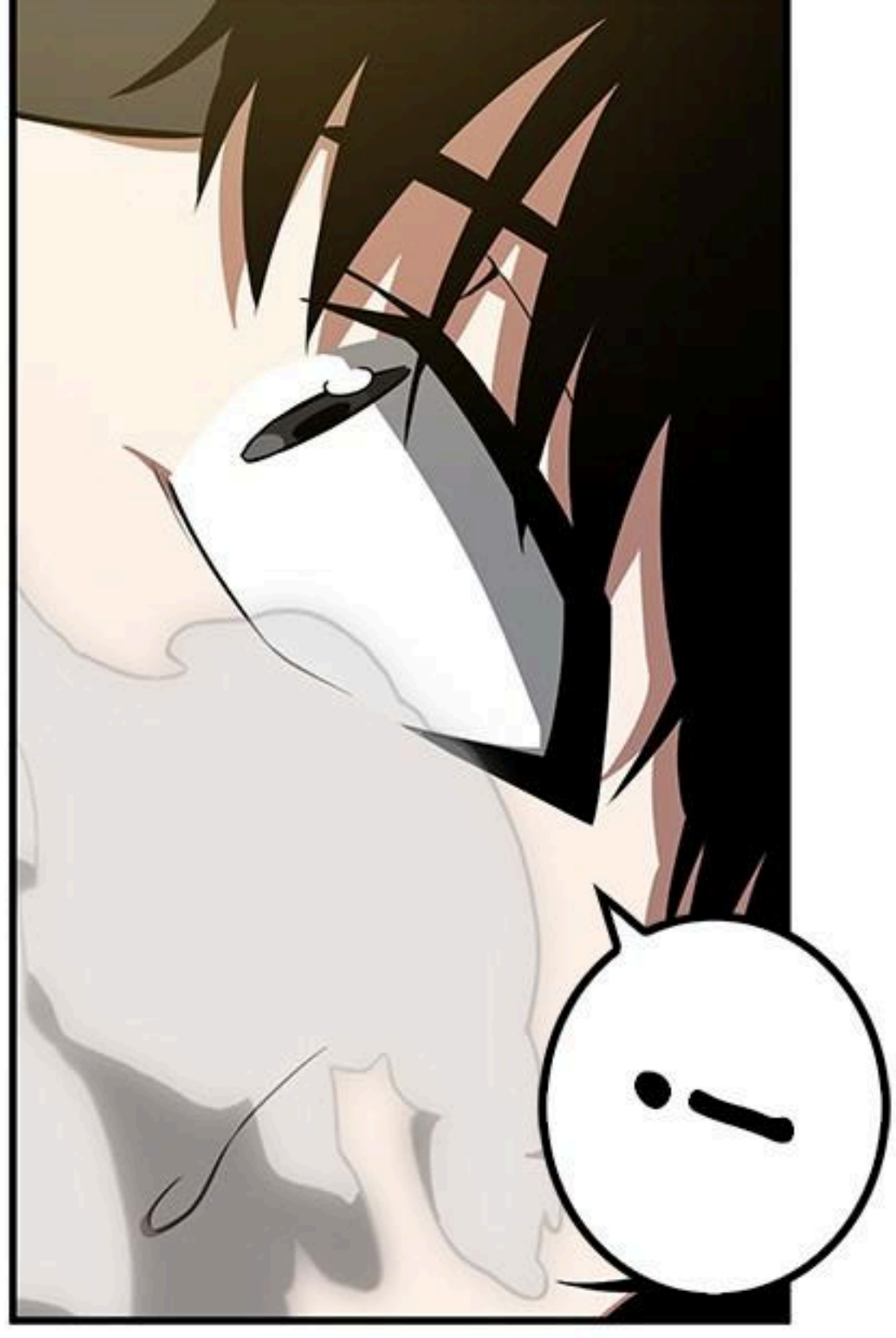
WHISH

IT MAY HAVE SEEMED LIKE I HAD PUSHED NAMWOON KIM TO SAVE THE OLD LADY

SAVE THE OLD LADY.

BUT THAT WASN'T THE ONLY THING I HAD BEEN AIMING FOR.

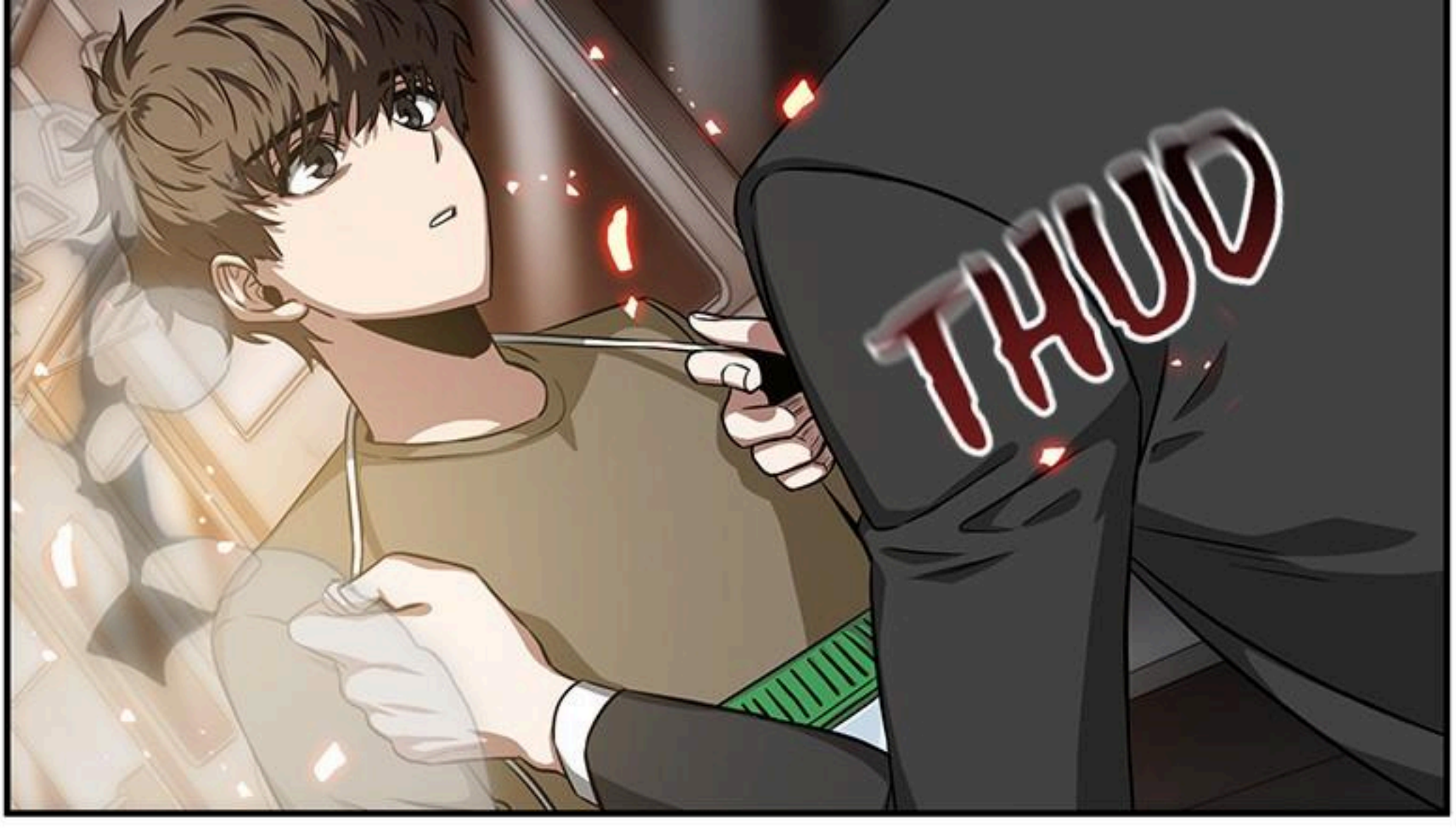
PANT
IT MUST BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.



FOUND IT!
SMACK
WHACK
THUD

CLASP

EXCUSE ME.
WHACK


THUD

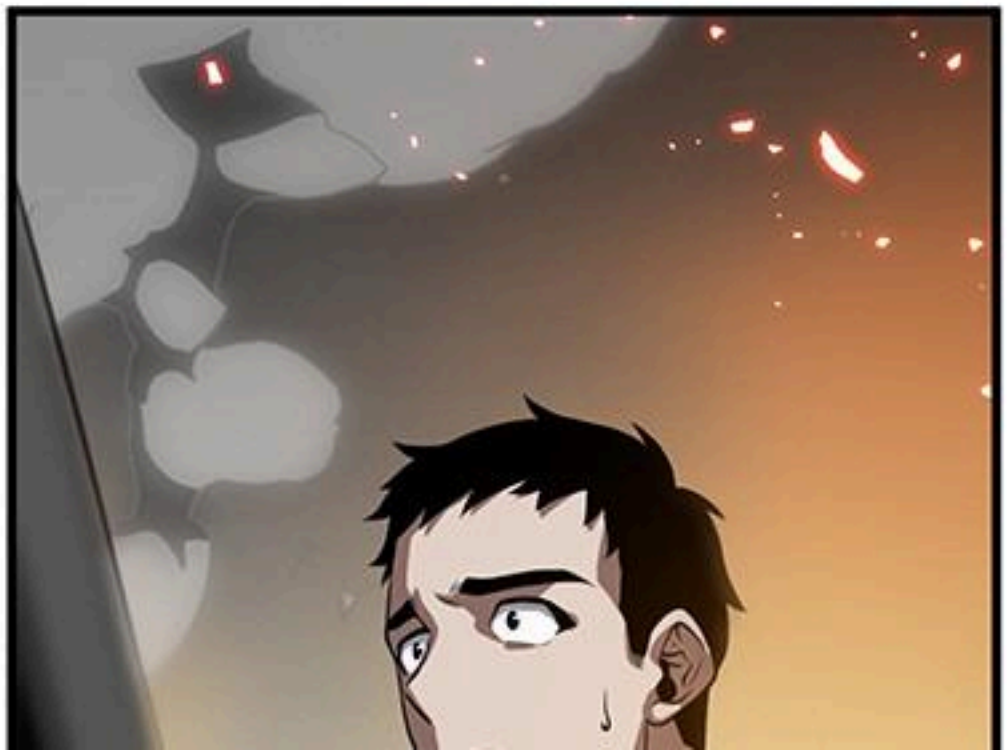
UGH...

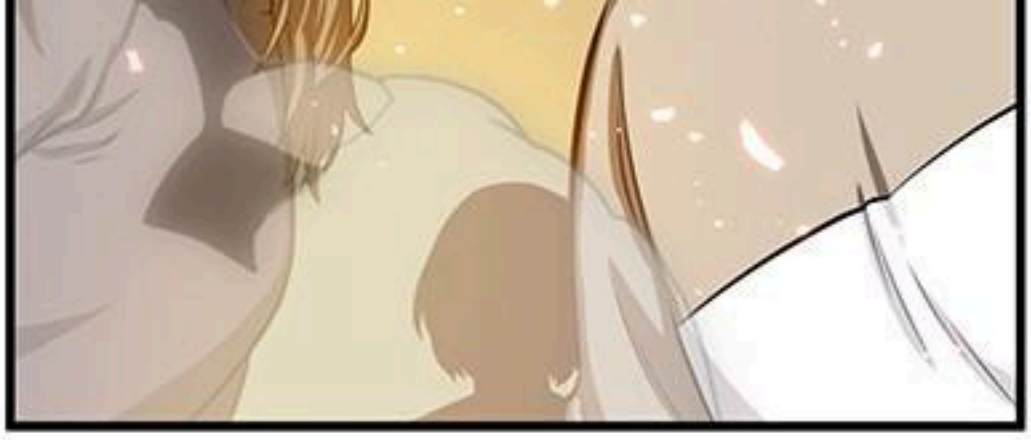
HERE. HOLD ON TO THIS.

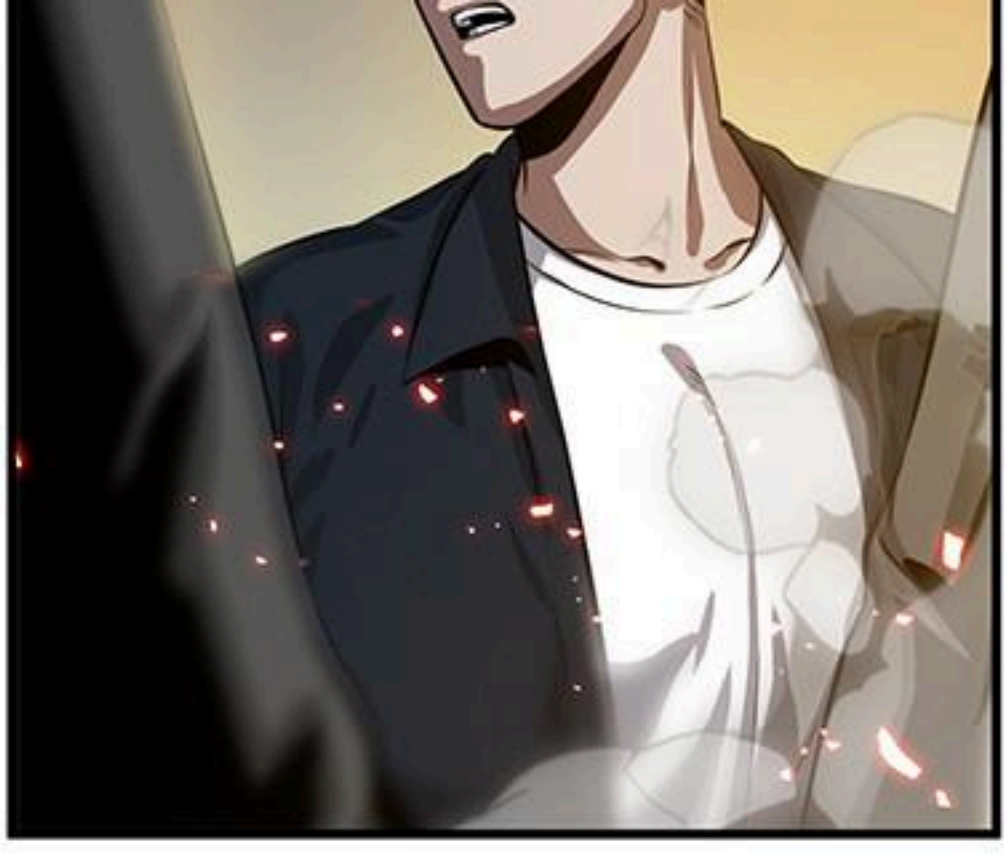
PLEASE STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
THUD
WHACK

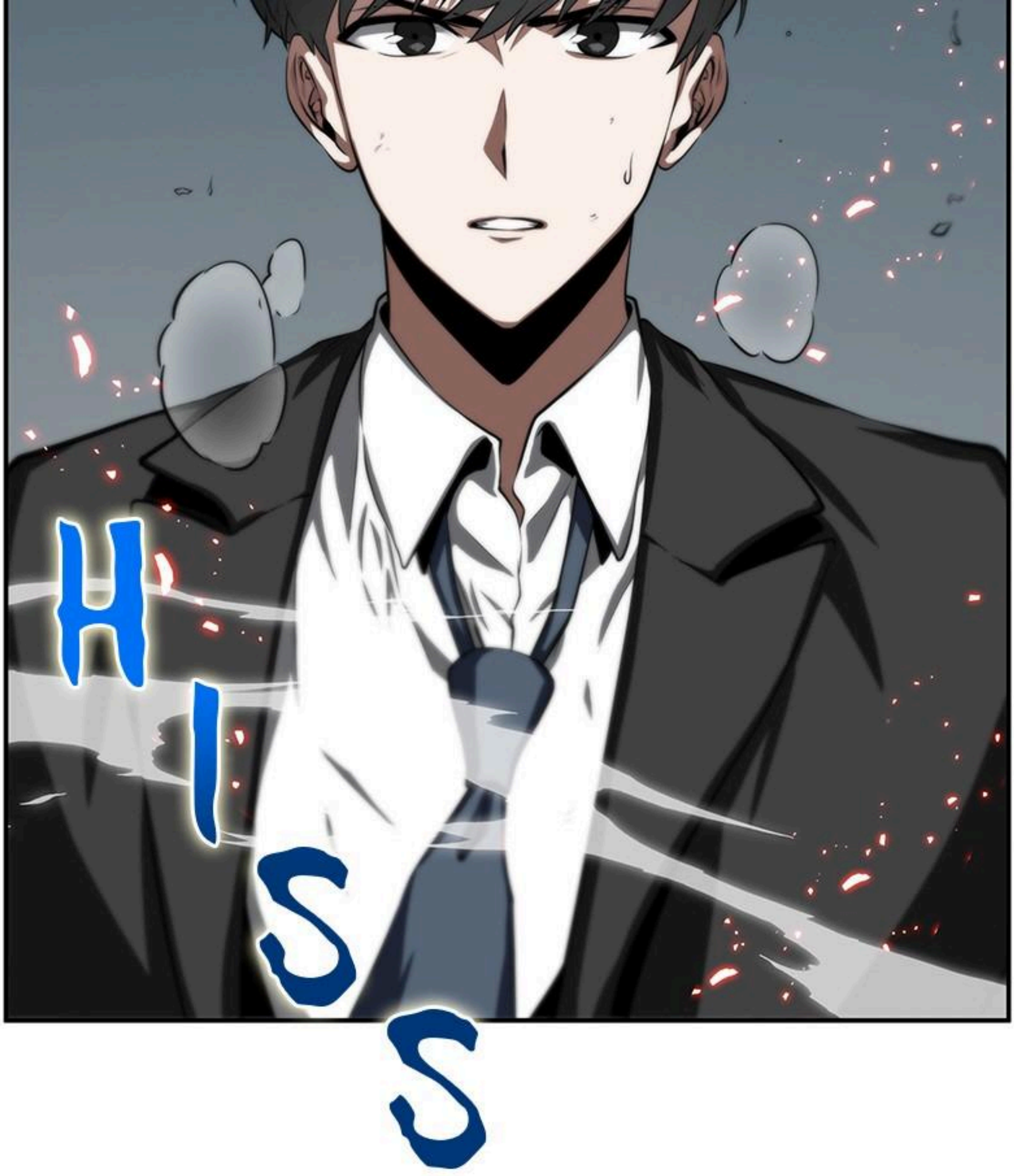
WHAM
KILLING THAT OLD LADY DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE!

W-WHAT...?
PANT
PANT








HISSS

GOOD.
I HAVE THEIR ATTENTION.
ㅅㅅㅅ
...

LET'S SAY WE KILL THE OLD LADY.
WHAT NEXT?

YES,
IF THAT OLD LADY DIES,
WE WILL BE ABLE TO
BUY SOME TIME BECAUSE WE
KILLED ***SOMETHING***
WITHIN THE GIVEN TIME
LIMIT.

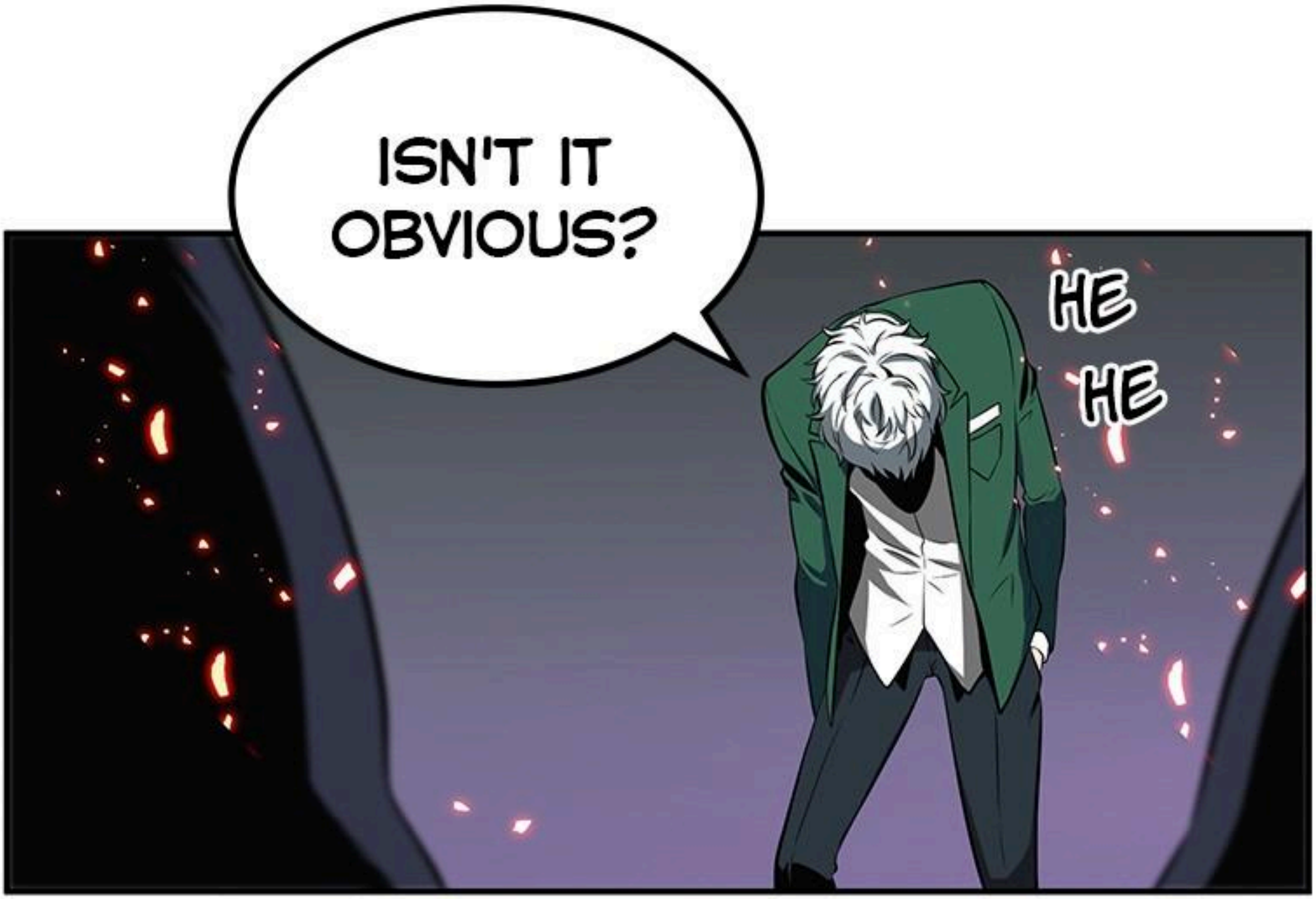
BUT
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN

NEXT?

FLINCH

IF WHAT THE DOKKAEBI SAID IS TRUE, IT MEANS WE ALL HAVE TO KILL ONE PERSON EACH.
FLINCH
FLINCH
SO WHO WILL YOU KILL NEXT?
WILL YOU KILL THE PERSON

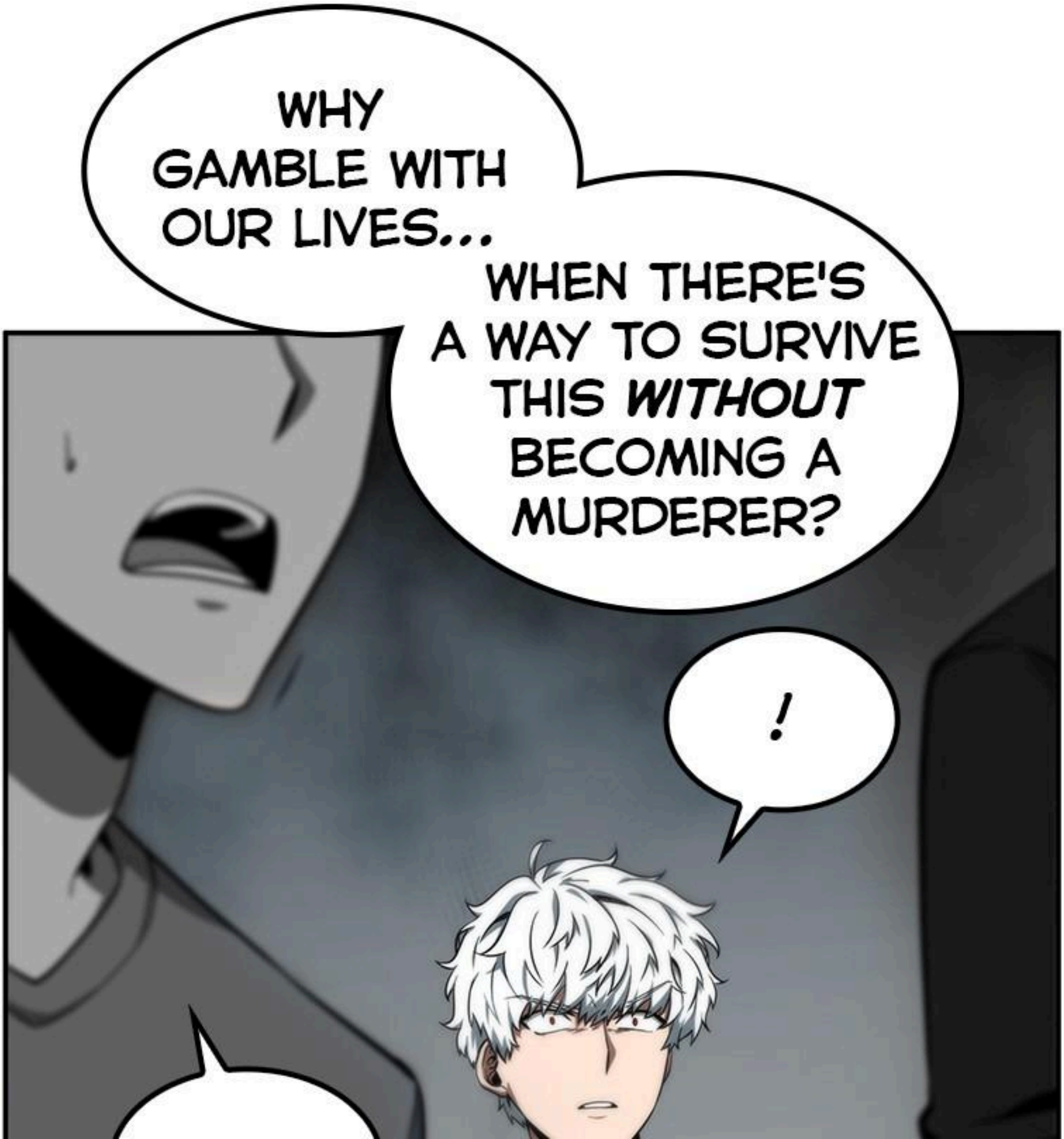
KILL THE PERSON BESIDE YOU?


ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
HE HE

WE'LL KILL LOSERS LIKE YOU NEXT!

NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR TURN BEFOREHAND.
THE CHANCES ARE FIFTY-FIFTY ANYWAYS.
NAMWOON KIM...

YES.
I KNEW YOU
WOULD SAY
THAT.


WHY GAMBLE WITH OUR LIVES...
WHEN THERE'S A WAY TO SURVIVE THIS *WITHOUT* BECOMING A MURDERER?
!

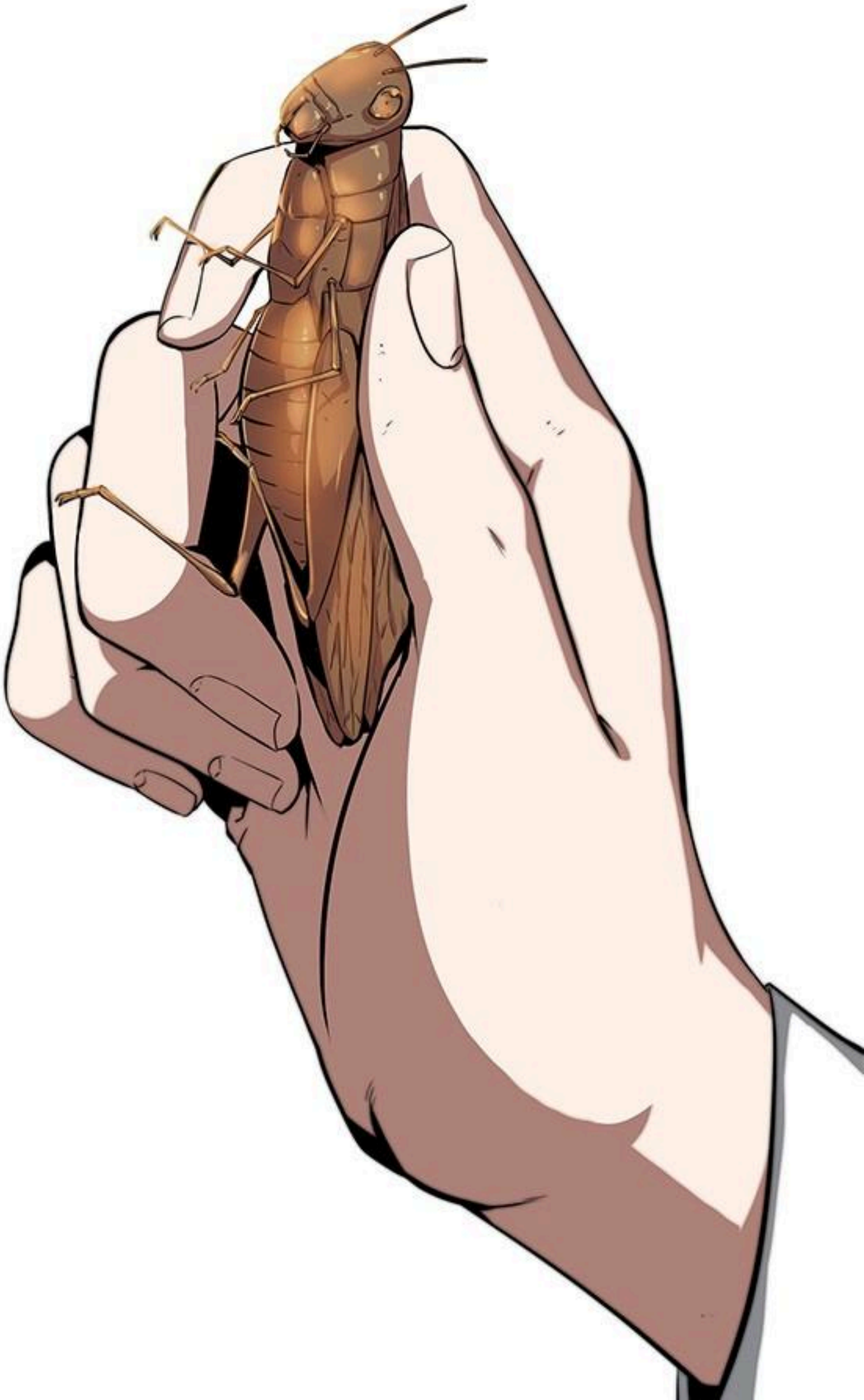
WHAT?

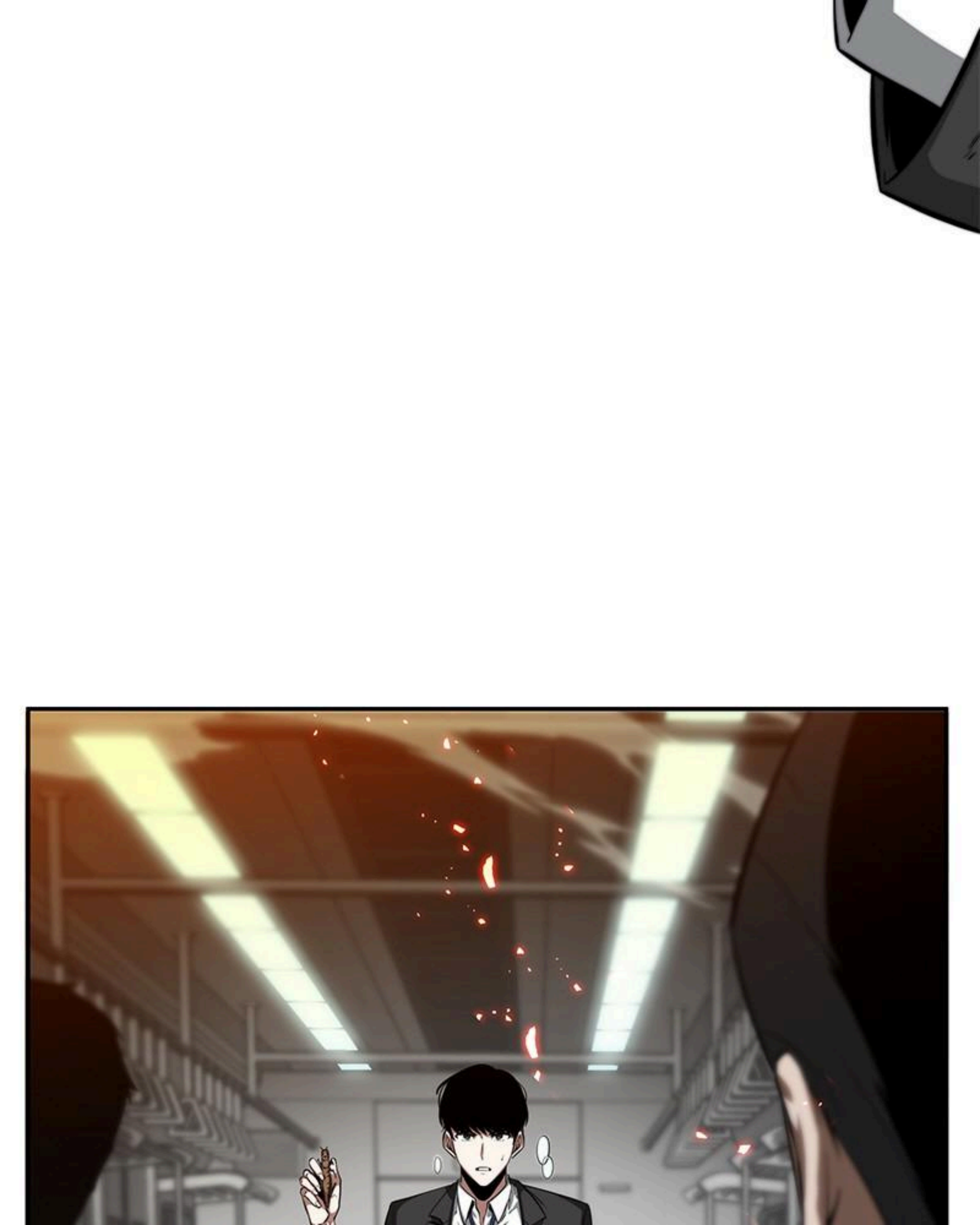
HOW?

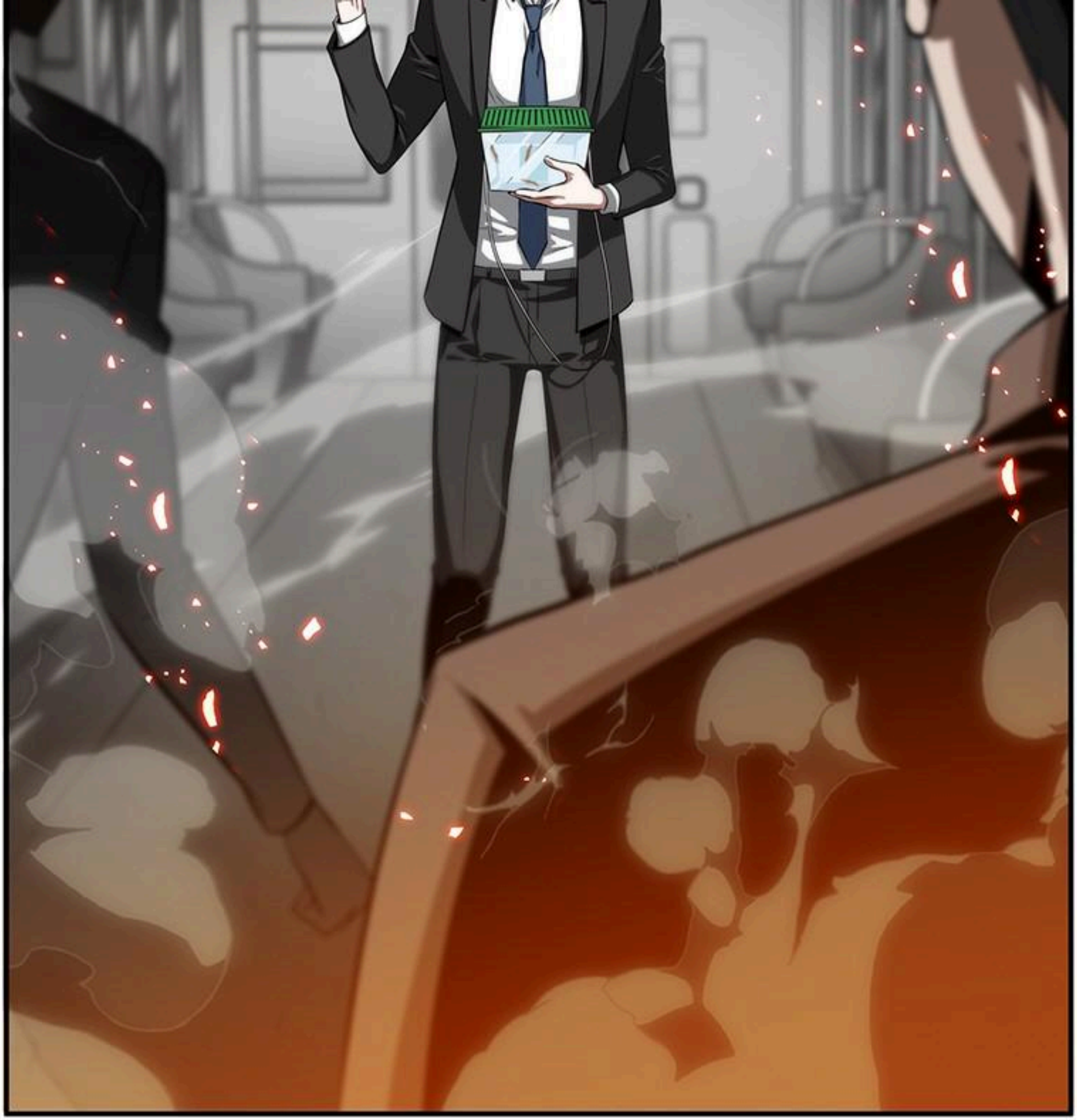
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

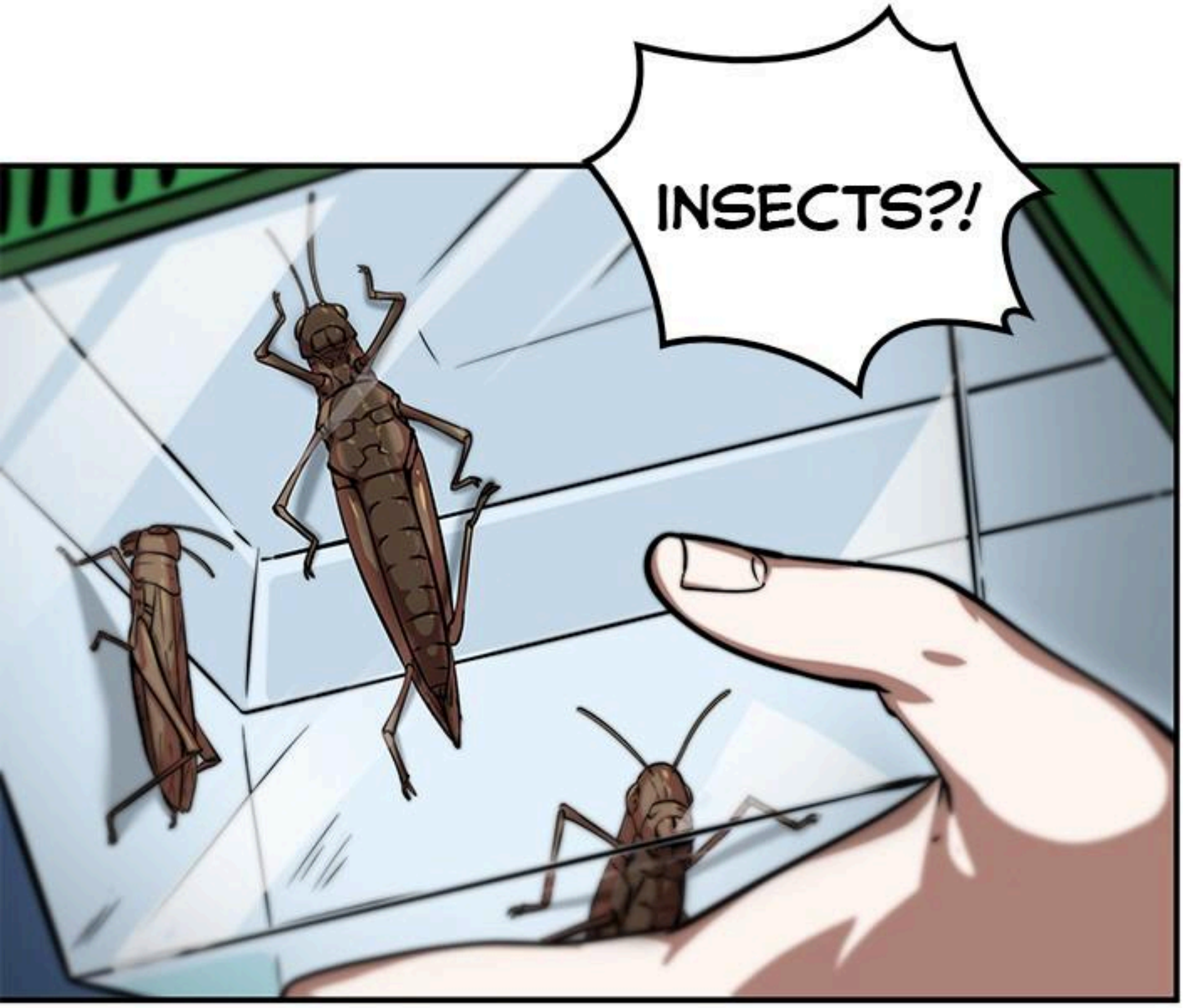
THE SCENARIO DIDN'T SAY...
WE HAVE TO KILL A HUMAN BEING.
TSK

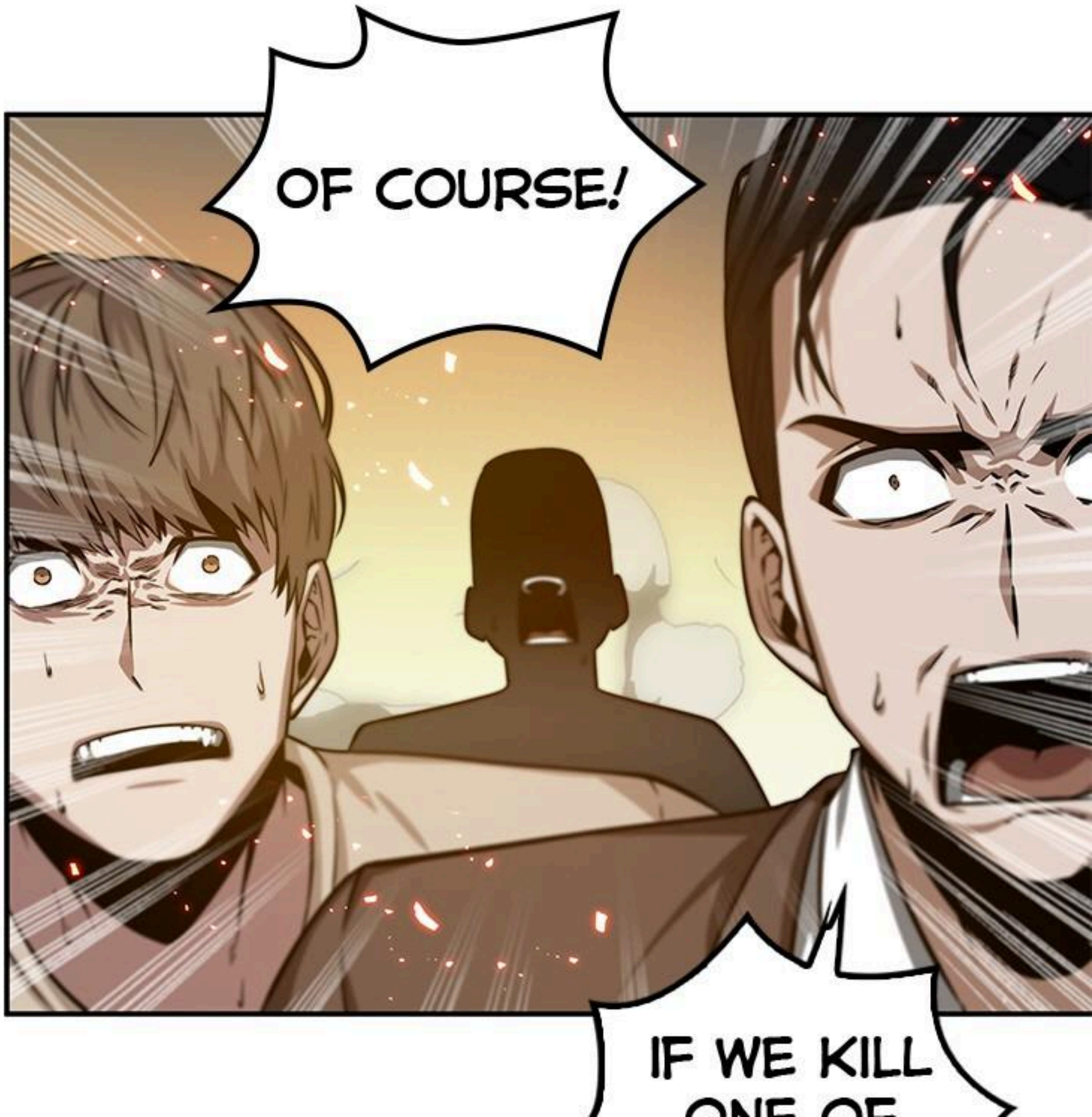
IT SAID WE HAVE TO KILL ONE OR MORE LIVING *ORGANISMS.*








INSECTS?!


OF COURSE!
IF WE KILL

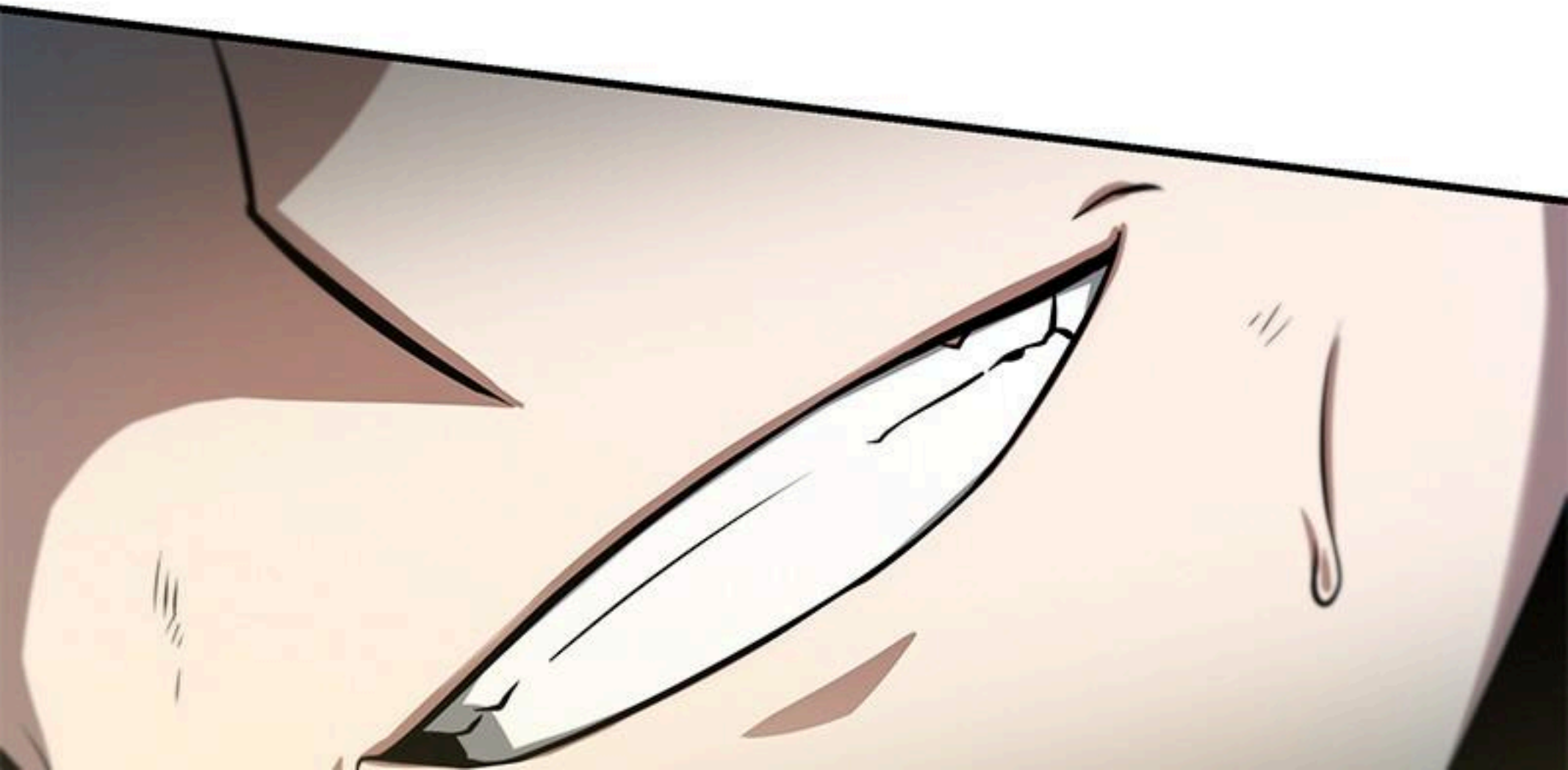
ONE OF
THOSE...

THE MADNESS THAT HAD DRIVEN THEM TO KILL THE OLD LADY...

...NOW CAME HURTLING TOWARD ME.

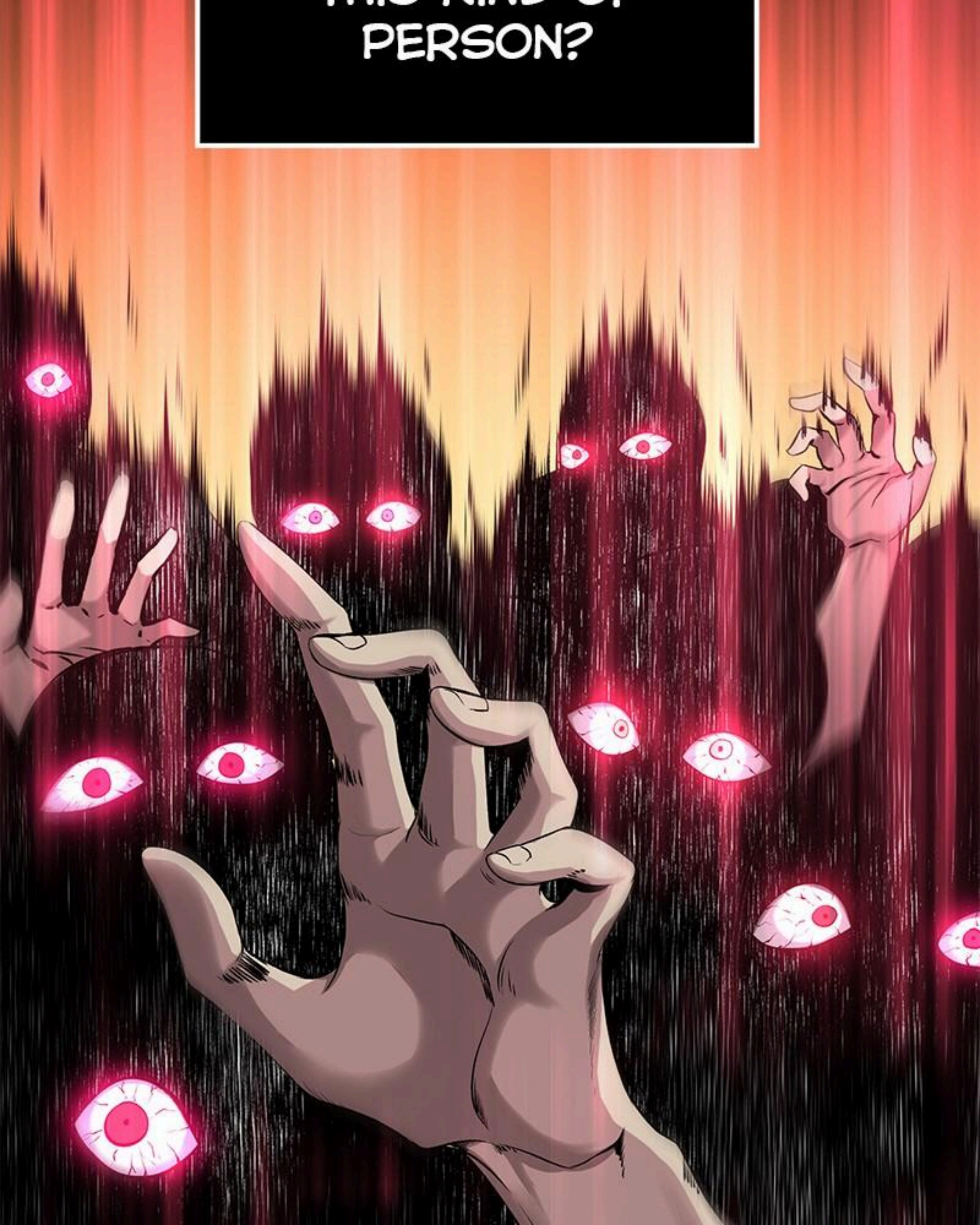
BUT WHY...?

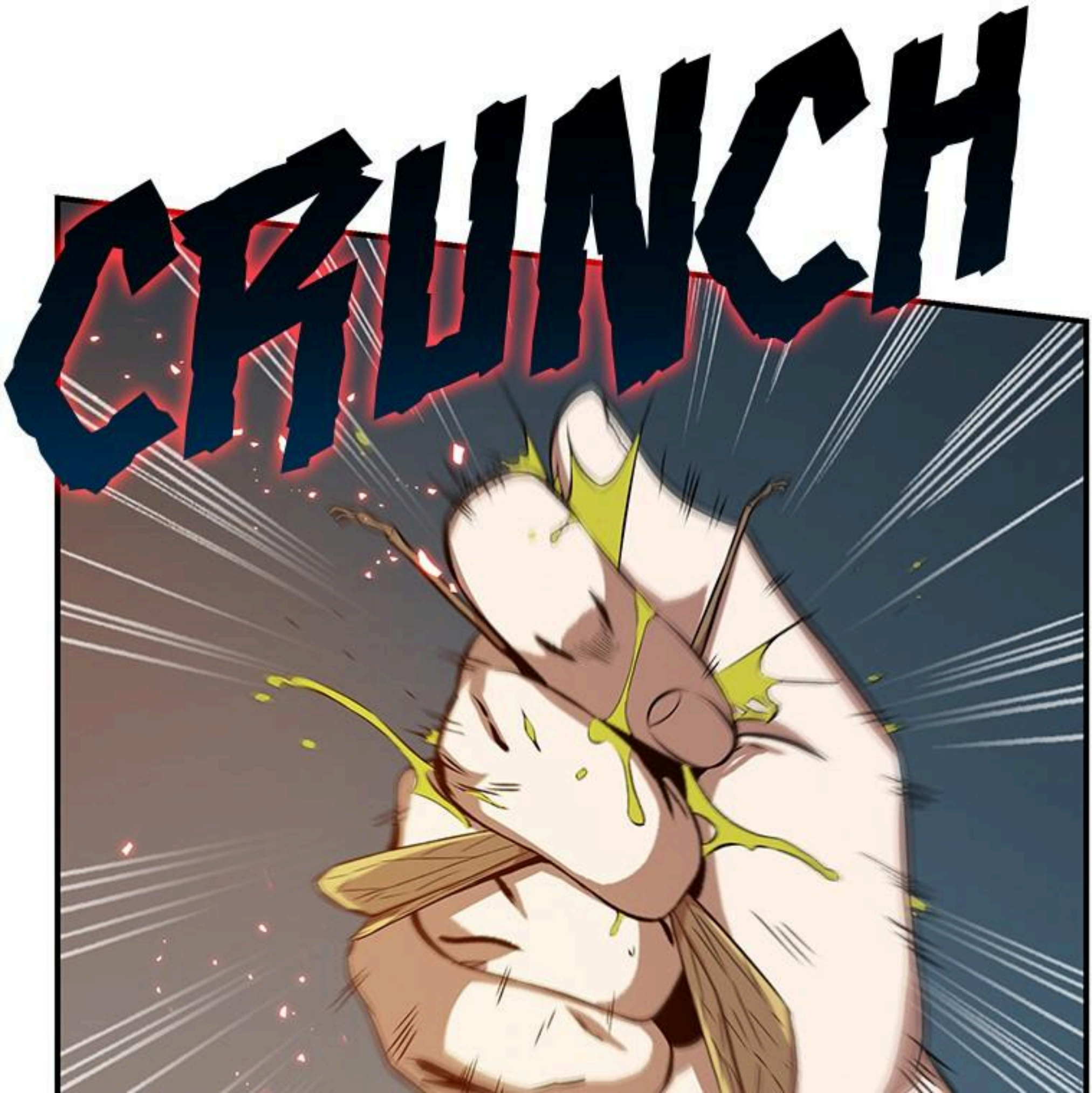
WHY IS MY HEART BEATING WITH JOY IN THIS PRECARIOUS SITUATION?



WHY AM I SMILING?

WAS I ALWAYS THIS KIND OF

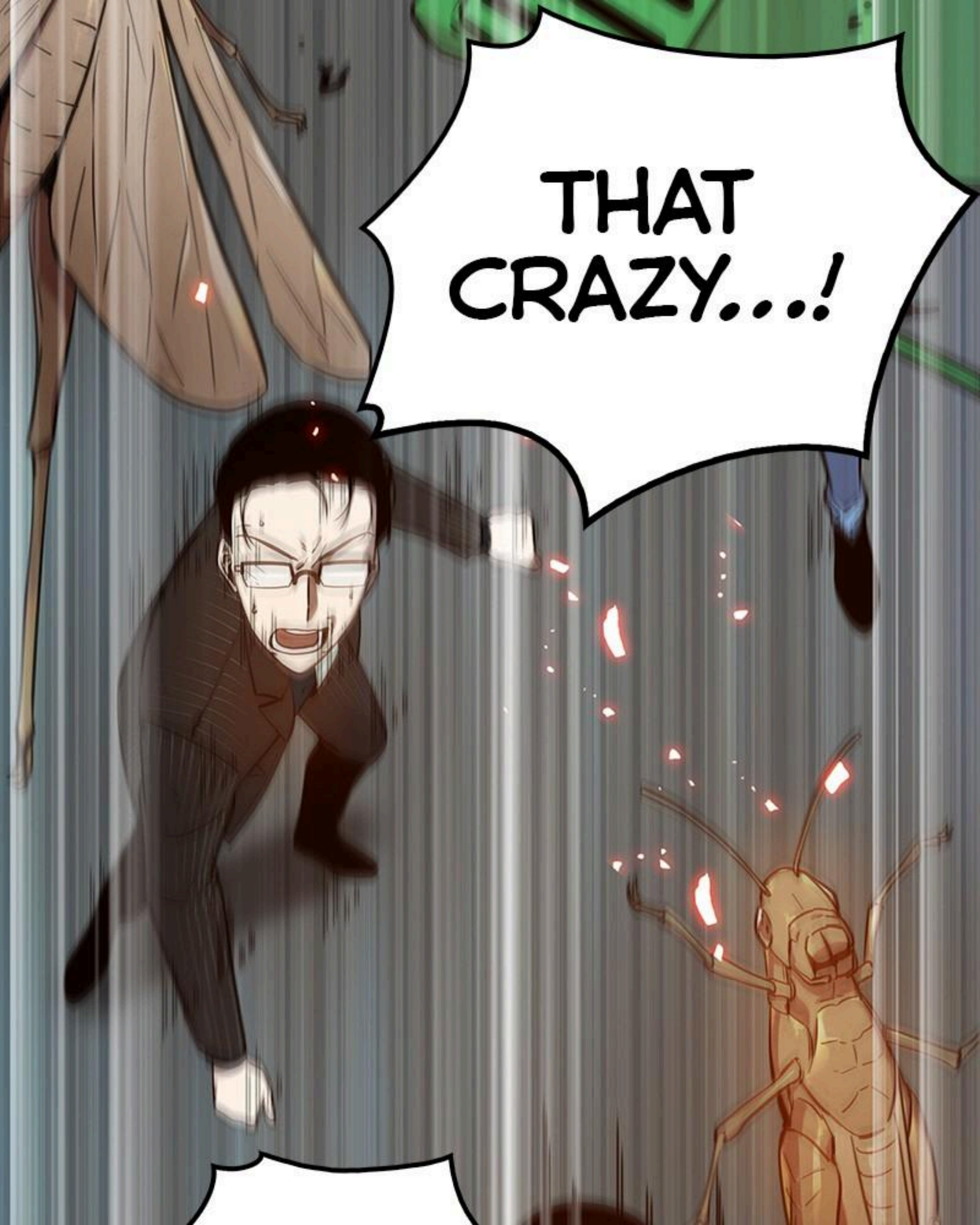

PERSON?


CRUNCH

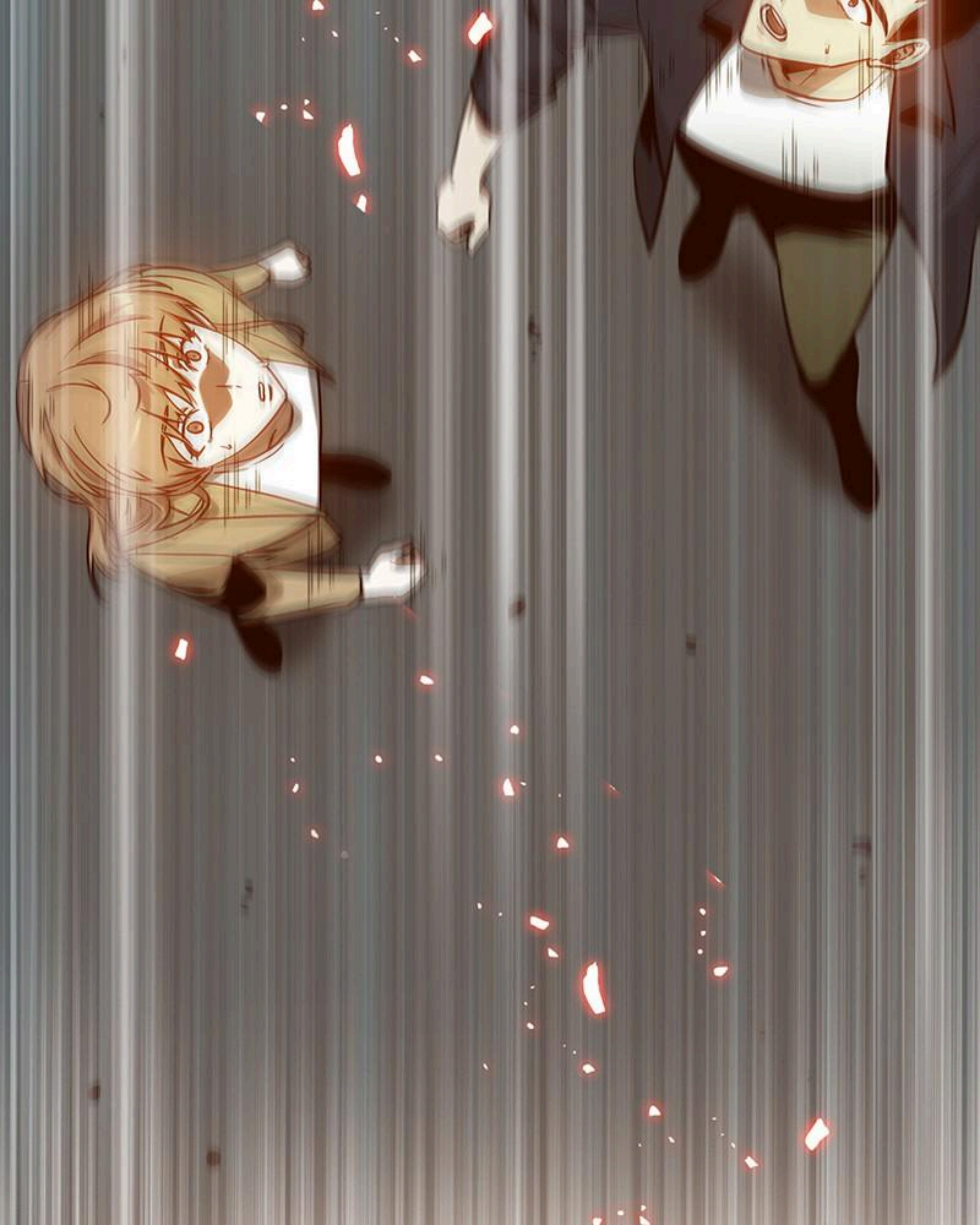
SWING

OOMPH!

ㅡ!


THAT CRAZY...!

AH...!



[THE *FIRST KILL* MISSION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED!]

[YOU WILL RECEIVE 100 COINS AS A BONUS.]

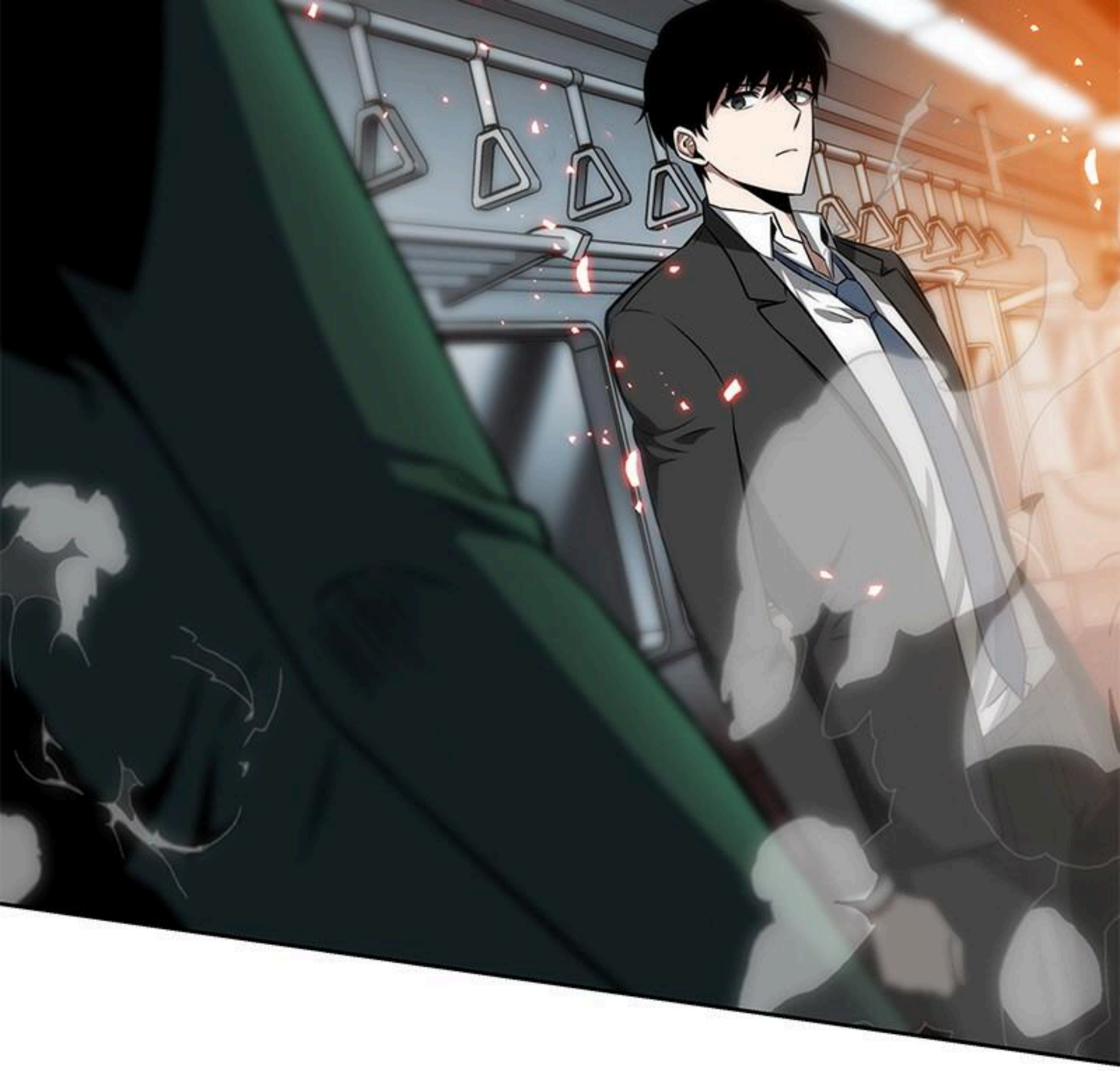
F-FIND IT!
YOU A**HOLE! JUST YOU WAIT!

I GOT IT!
AH...!

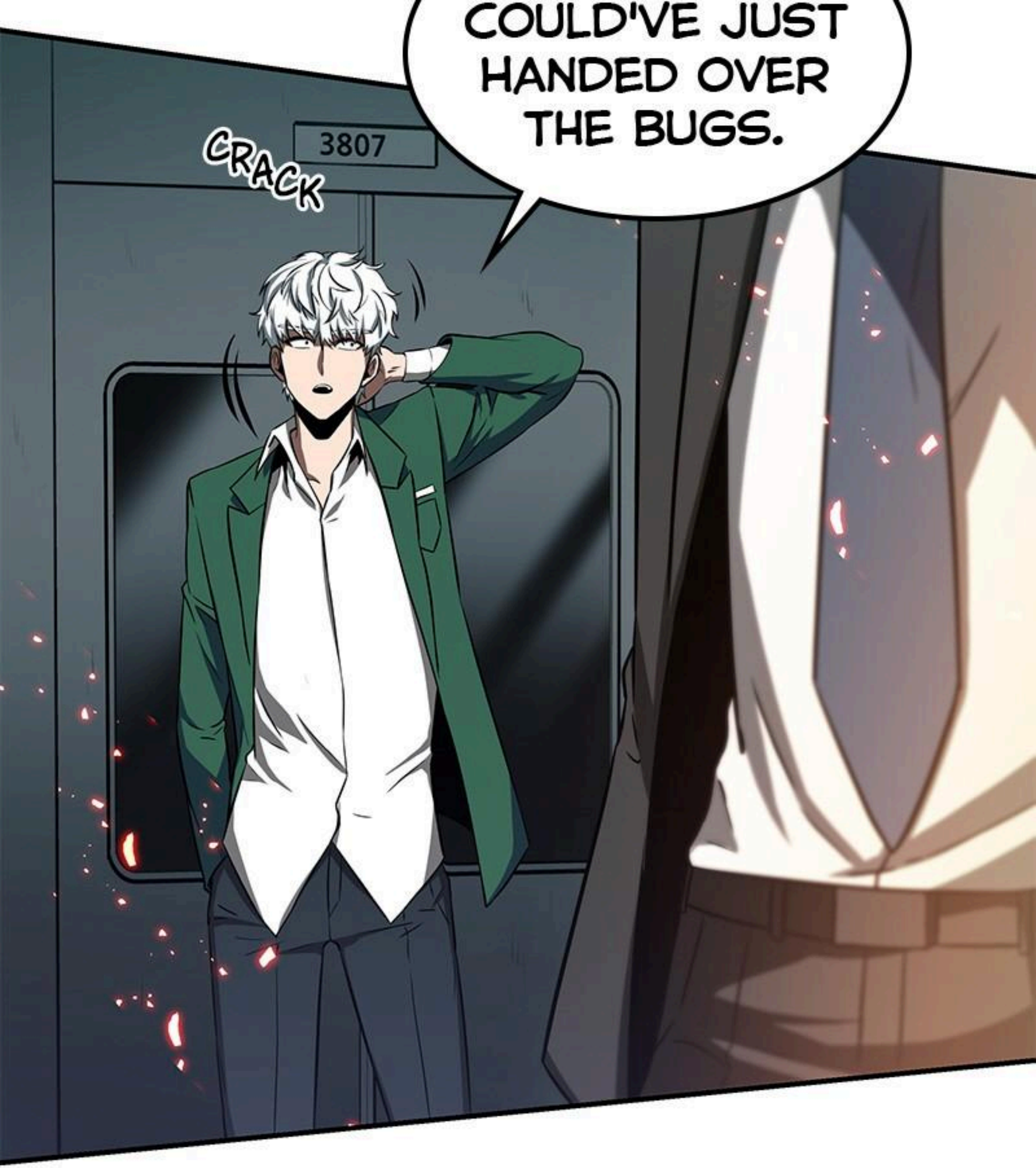
PANT
THERE ARE...
PANT

...THREE MINUTES LEFT!
03:12

HEY YOU, WHY DID YOU DO THAT?



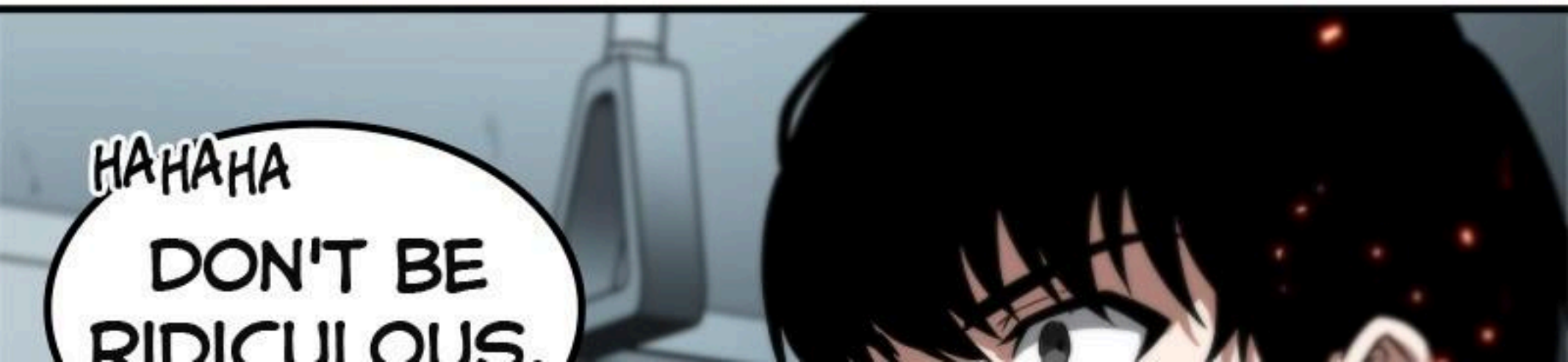
YOU

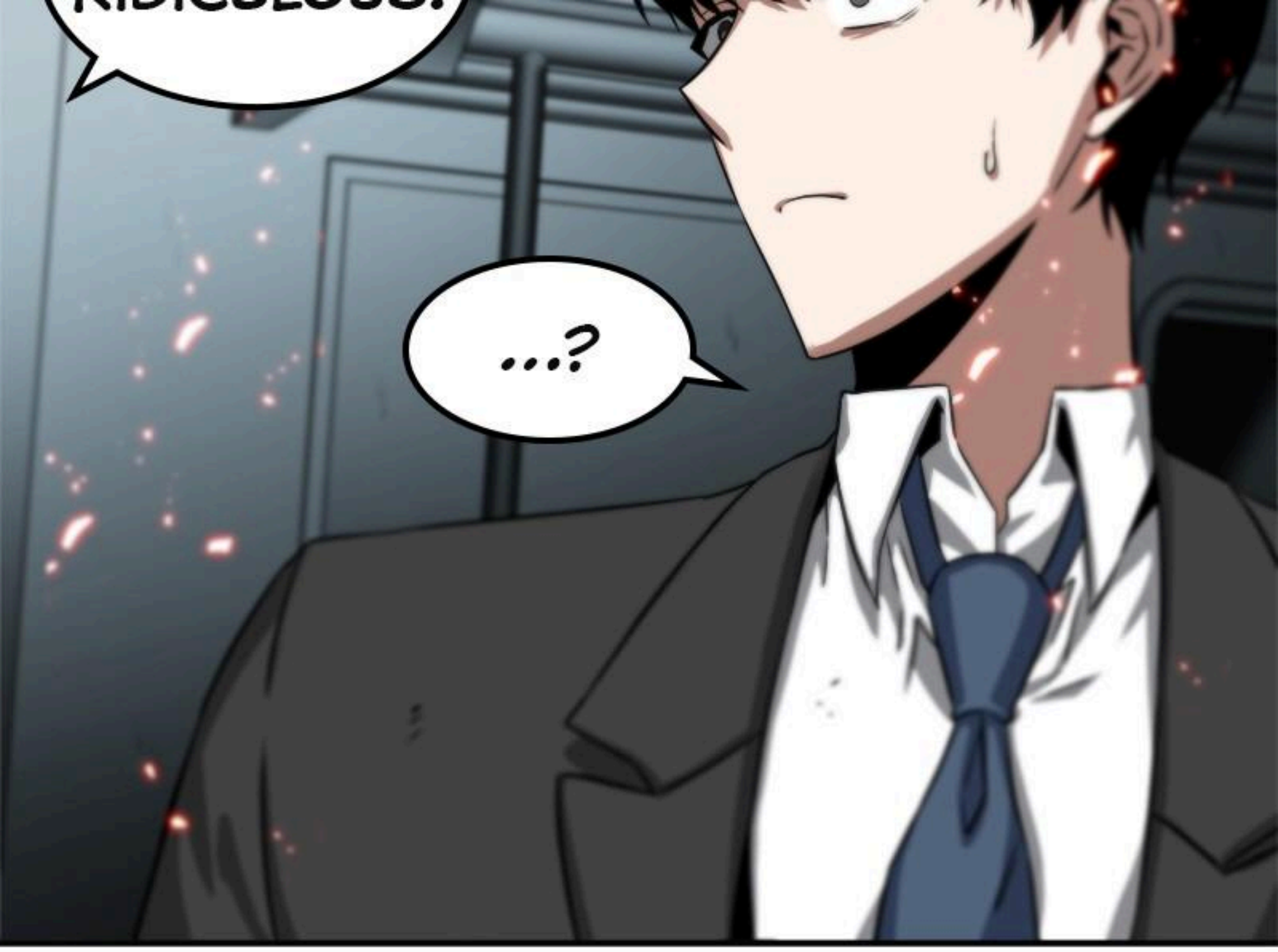

COULD'VE JUST HANDED OVER THE BUGS.
3807
CRACK

THERE WERE ONLY THREE INSECTS LEFT IN THE BOX.

...HUH?

HAHA HAHA!
SO YOU THREW THEM SINCE NOT ALL OF US CAN LIVE?
YES.


HAHAHA
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.


RIDICULOUS!
...?

NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD PULL A STUNT LIKE THIS FOR THAT KIND OF STUPID REASON.

BE HONEST.

YOU JUST

WANTED TO WATCH THEM FIGHT FOR THEIR LIVES, DIDN'T YOU?

YES. NAMWOON KIM IS THAT KIND OF GUY.

HE'S CRUEL AND RAMPANT AND ENJOYS SITUATIONS LIKE THIS.

DING

[PERSONAL SKILL *CHARACTER PROFILE* ACTIVATED.]

DING
[CHARACTER PROFILE]
NAME: NAMWOON KIM

NAME: NAMWOON KIM
AGE: 19
SUPPORTING CONSTELLATION: NONE
(TWO CONSTELLATIONS ARE CURRENTLY INTERESTED IN THIS INDIVIDUAL)

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTE: EDGELORD (GENERIC)

PERSONAL SKILLS:
[EXCEPTIONAL ADAPTABILITY LV. 3],
[KNIFE FIGHTING LV. 1],
[GRIMDARK AWAKENING LV. 1]

OVERALL STATS: [STAMINA LV. 3], [STRENGTH LV. 4], [AGILITY LV. 6], [MANA LV. 4]

GENERAL EVALUATION: A TEENAGE EDGELORD WHOSE DARK SIDE HAS AWAKENED DUE TO AN EXTRANEOUS EVENT. IT'S BEST TO NOT GET INVOLVED WITH HIM.

HUH?

CHARACTER PROFILE?

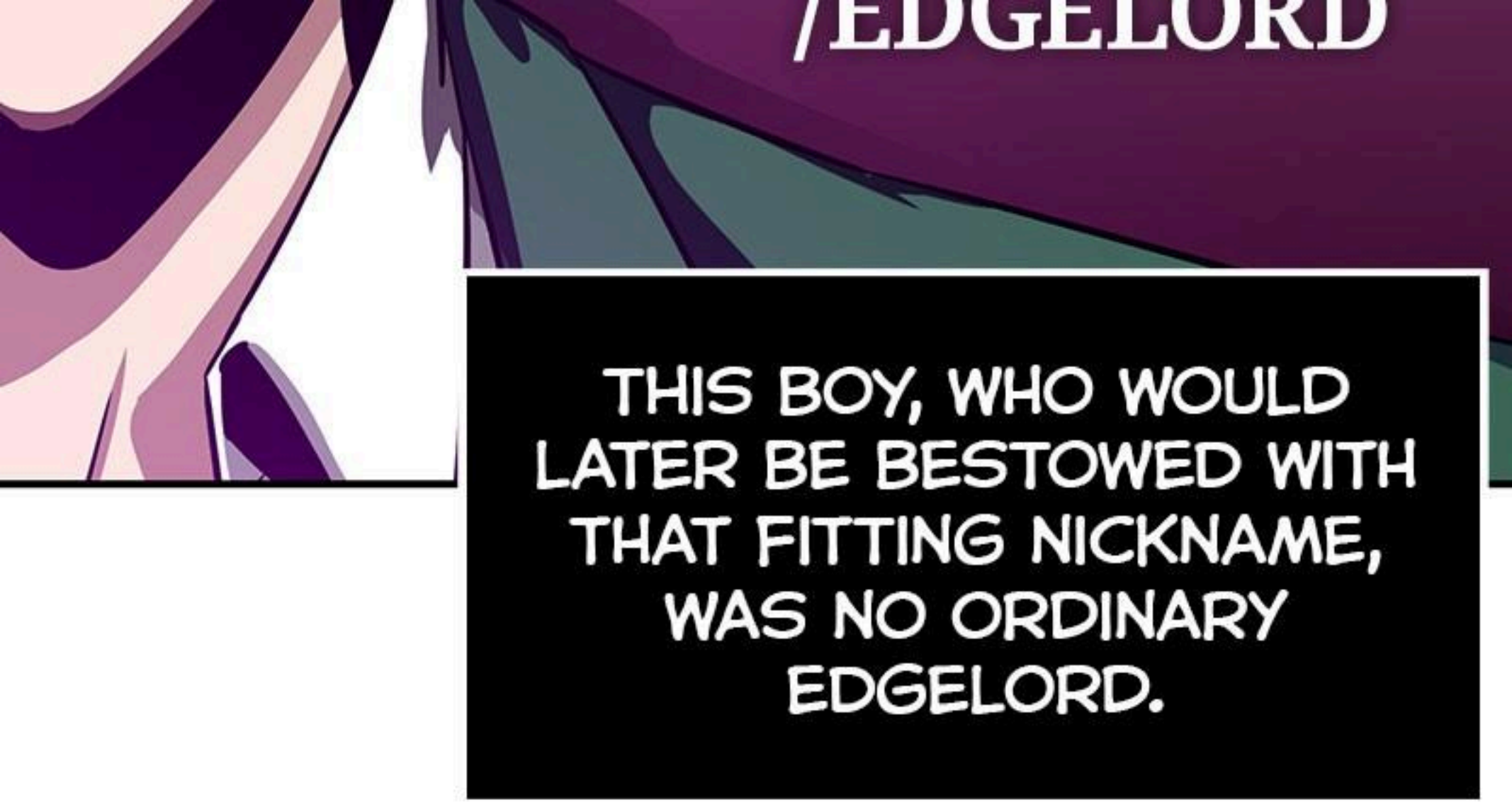
I SEE...
I THINK I KNOW WHAT MY ATTRIBUTES ARE.
YEAH. HE IS A BIT OF AN EDGELORD.

MOST TEEN EDGELORDS IN *TWSA* COULDN'T HANDLE THE NIGHTMARE THAT BECAME REALITY AND COMMITTED SUICIDE.

BUT NAMWOON KIM WAS DIFFERENT.

DELUSIONAL DEMON NAMWOON KIM

/EDGELORD


/EDGELORD
THIS BOY, WHO WOULD LATER BE BESTOWED WITH THAT FITTING NICKNAME, WAS NO ORDINARY EDGELORD.

HE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR THE APOCALYPSE FOR A LONG TIME...

AND HE ADAPTED TO THIS WORLD AT AN *UNUSUAL SPEED.*

AND RIGHT NOW... THAT *DELUSIONAL DEMON...*

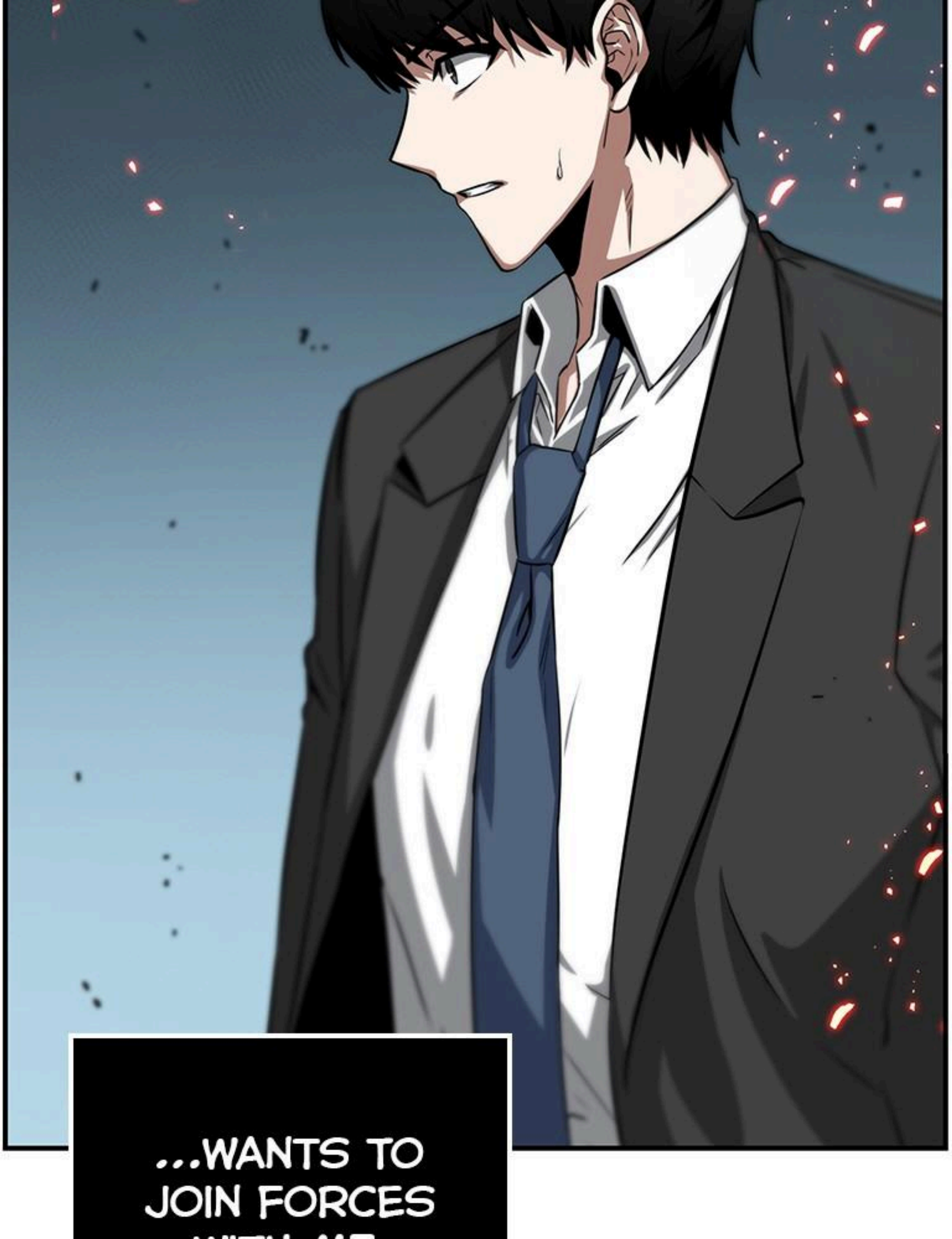
TEAM UP WITH ME.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?
DING

[*NAMWOON KIM* HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN YOU.]

DING

[YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF *NAMWOON KIM* HAS INCREASED.]


...WANTS TO
JOIN FORCES

WITH *ME*.

MAIN SCENARIO #1

[PROVE YOUR VALUE]

KILL ONE OR MORE LIVING ORGANISMS.

CATEGORY: MAIN
DIFFICULTY: F
TIME LIMIT: 30 MINUTES ▶ 10 MINUTES
REWARD: 300 COINS
PENALTY FOR FAILURE: DEATH

TIME REMAINING:
2 MINUTES
59 SECONDS

Produced/Edited by Redice Studio
Published by L7